

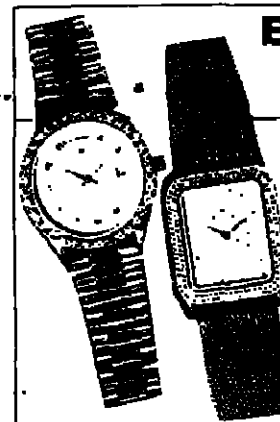
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Close ... call

Survivors Boswita and Werner Labene shortly after being rescued from the stricken Soviet cruise ship Maxim Gorky. The disabled Soviet liner was limping to port yesterday amid allegations it had been sailing too fast. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Baathist ill

BAGHDAD, June 21, (Reuter): Pioneer Arab nationalist Michel Aflaq, who founded the Baath Party 42 years ago, underwent a heart operation in France this month, the party's Iraqi wing disclosed.

He is suffering from post-surgery complications of the lungs but is in stable condition in a Paris hospital, the party said.

Insensitive

MILWAUKEE, June 21, (AP): Brewery employees drove a jittery Vietnam veteran over the edge by making sudden loud noises so they could watch him throw himself to the floor, a panel ruled in awarding him \$86,000 in worker's compensation.

Co-workers at Miller Brewing Co. learned John E. Beverly, 42, had been diagnosed as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, including an exaggerated startle reaction.

From 1981 to 1983, co-workers dropped tables, broke beer bottles, dropped heavy equipment from forklifts, popped empty milk cartons and paper cups and set off fireworks.

Address

ISLAMABAD, June 21, (AP): PLO chief Yasser Arafat is to address Pakistan's National Assembly on Saturday, the official news agency said Wednesday.

Paid back

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, (AP): A man who had been on a month on orders from a judge in the rat and roach-infested apartment he rented to a disabled man and his six-year-old quadriplegic daughter.

Mindanao plans

RIYADH, June 21, (AP): Filipino Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus today urged Muslim rebels in Mindanao and other southern regions in the Philippines to unite and negotiate their demands with the Manila government.

Addressing a news conference at the end of his three-day visit to Saudi Arabia, Manglapus said that he hoped the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference would support the Organic Act, a settlement proposal put forth by the Philippines President, Mrs. Corason Aquino.

Manglapus urged the rebels, including the Moro National Liberation Front which leads the secessionist movement in Mindanao, to negotiate on the basis of the Organic Act, which gives the Muslims limited freedom short of their aspirations for a full autonomy.

He explained that about 25 percent of the Muslim population of the southern Philippines had been assimilated throughout the country and the question of autonomy in Mindanao could now be discussed at the negotiating table.



Filipino protest

A student demonstrator is hauled off to a van after police broke up a rally by about 3,000 Filipino students protesting against tuition fee increases. Eighteen people were arrested yesterday and 10 hurt in protests around Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

Three executed despite protests

Bush orders China sanctions

BEIJING, June 21, (Agencies): Shanghai authorities today executed three men convicted of setting a train on fire during student-led protests, and 17 people reportedly received death sentences in the northeast city of Jinan.

Western governments expressed revulsion today at China's execution of three demonstrators, and three states urged the European Economic Community to review relations with Beijing.

US President Bush yesterday ordered sanctions to tighten diplomatic and financial pressure on China.

The three were shot to death in front of a crowd today afternoon, one day after Shanghai's highest court rejected their appeals of the death penalty, a spokesman at the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office said.

He said he did not know other details.

Shanghai Radio, in announcing the court's decision, said: "There are no legal reasons for mitigating the punishment of Xu Guoming, Bian Hanwu and Yan Xuerong."



25 years in a shed

Man who cried lonely

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 21, (Reuter): Police in northern Brazil have rescued a man from a filthy three-square-metre (32-square-foot) cell where his father kept him locked up for 25 years.

When found, the 33-year-old was underfed, could not walk or talk and behaved like an animal, a police officer said by telephone from the town of Jabotao near Recife.

"It was filthy in there, hellish," said the officer who took the prisoner out of his cell.

Gilson Cezaro da Silva had not left the wooden and corrugated iron cell with a dirt floor for 25 years. Neighbours told police that farm worker Manoel Cezaro da Silva had locked his son up when he was eight years old, believing he was mentally ill.

"If he wasn't, after 25 years in prison, he is now, the police officer said. Gilson was examined by a doctor and is being cared for in a state mental institution.

Police heard about the clandestine cell in an anonymous letter from a neighbour.

The neighbours knew about it. When it was cold he would make noises," said a police officer.

Before Manoel died in 1975, he asked a retired couple to look after his son.

Amaro Izidio da Silva and Maria dos Prazeres Anacleto, kept him in his cell and fed him cereals and eggs passed through a peephole.

Soviets blame Islam

Unity bid fires Uzbek unrest

MOSCOW, June 21, (Reuter): A campaign to launch a pan-Islamic front uniting different Muslim nationalities in Soviet Uzbekistan fired the recent ethnic unrest there in which 99 people died, a Soviet official said today.

The organisers of the pan-Islamic campaign in Uzbekistan wanted an Islamic 'holy war' in which they would drive out non-Muslim groups. Eduard Didorenko, the republic's deputy interior minister, told the newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda.

The death toll in weekend violence in the neighbouring Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan meanwhile rose from three to four.

The government newspaper Izvestia said four people died in clashes between various nationalities in the oil and gas centre of Novy Uzen, but it was not clear when the fourth death had occurred.

Izvestia said there were still demonstrations in the city but the majority of them were peaceful.

The Soviet news agency Tass said later today that more than 50 police officers had been injured in the Novy Uzen rioting. It did not say whether this was in addition to the 53 people already

reported injured. It said 528 people, mostly women and children, had fled Novy Uzen for cities in the northern Caucasus.

Dmitri Selyezov, spokesman for the Soviet Interior Ministry in Moscow, said about 100 people had camped in tents in front of the local Communist Party headquarters in Novy Uzen to demand that people from the Caucasus be expelled from the area.

Most of the 99 people who died in 10 days of bloody clashes earlier this month in Fergana, Kokand and surrounding areas of Uzbekistan were Meskhetians.

President Mikhail Gorbachev has said Islamic fundamentalism 'bared its teeth' during the disorders, and Soviet media said rioters waved the green Islamic flag and shouted the name of the late Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Analysts said Gorbachev may have been hoping to dissuade Tehran from stoking unrest among the Soviet Union's Muslims, estimated at between 30 and 40 million, when he invited Iranian Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to Moscow.

Xu and Yan, who were workers, and Bian, who was unemployed, set fire to the train on June 6 after it ran through a barricade set up by protesters, killing six people. The three were sentenced Thursday but appealed.

The United States and other Western governments had appealed for clemency for the three and eight people in Beijing also sentenced to death for their roles in the nationwide student protests for a freer, less corrupt society.

The US deeply regrets China's execution of three men but the administration is not considering additional sanctions against Beijing, Secretary of State James Baker said today in Washington.

"There is an important relationship which we should seek to preserve if we possibly can," Baker told reporters. "That is a consideration that must be taken on board when we consider what specific actions" should be taken.

"We deeply regret the fact that these executions have gone forward, notwithstanding appeals from the United States ... for clemency," Baker said.

Britain and Australia condemned China after the executions were carried out today. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke also said they discussed steps against China during a meeting this morning in London.

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Police ID 'Jibril' for Lockerbie

LONDON, June 21, (UPI): The Scotsman newspaper said today investigators have conclusive evidence that Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command bombed a jetliner over Scotland Dec 21, killing 270 people.

In an article published six months after the tragedy, the Edinburgh newspaper said: "The elite police team hunting the Lockerbie bombers has now assembled evidence which conclusively confirms the perpetrators of Britain's largest mass murder as the extremist Palestinian splinter group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command."

Other publications, citing unnamed sources, also have claimed Pan Am flight 103, en route from Frankfurt, West Germany, to New York with a stopover in London, was bombed by the PFLP-GC. All 259 people aboard, plus 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland, were killed.

"Although the group and the motive of a revenge attack for the shooting down of an Iranian civil airliner last July by a United States warship have been unofficially canvassed before, it is only now that the investigators are certain they have identified the group responsible for the atrocity," the Scotsman said.

Saudi embassy employee shot dead

BRUSSELS, June 21, (Reuter): A cleaner at Saudi Arabia's embassy in Brussels died in hospital today after being shot in the back of the neck, police said.

The Egyptian embassy said the dead man was an Egyptian citizen and named him as 25-year-old Samir Gah Al Rassoul. A spokesman said he had been working at the Saudi Arabian embassy for 18 months as a cleaner.

Neighbours found Rassoul last evening lying

critically wounded on the ground floor of the apartment building where he lived, police said.

They said there was no apparent motive for the killing, but they were not ruling out political or religious reasons.

In March, the Saudi spiritual leader of Belgium's Muslims, Imam Abdullah Al Ahdal, and his Tunisian assistant were shot dead at Brussel's main mosque.



Ascot hat track

CANDY Grant looks through a peek-a-boo red hat at the first day of Royal Ascot, England, keeping the sun off her face on one of the hottest days of the year so far. Fashionably dressed race goers sweltered at the opening Tuesday of the four-day meeting, and more than 50 collapsed in the heat, first-aid workers said.

On the hottest June day for 13 years, at 88 degrees Fahrenheit (31 degrees Celsius), the champagne stalls were extra busy. The price of a bottle ranged from £15 to £45 (\$33 to \$70), according to brand.

Half a lobster was £10 (\$15.50), a helping of salmon £8

(\$12.40) and strawberries and clotted cream £2 (\$3.10). Queen Elizabeth II, in a pink and turquoise floral silk crop top dress and straw hat, strolled through the crowds. Rules barring anyone under age 16 in the royal enclosure until Friday, the last day, were broken to admit the Queen's eight-year-old granddaughter, Zara Phillips, daughter of Princess Anne and described by one reporter as "already horse mad." (Reuter wirephoto)

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Soviets may arm Iran

IAEA chief in Tehran

Eye on N-energy

MOSCOW, June 21, (Reuter): The Soviet Union and Iran today signed wide-ranging agreements to boost economic co-operation to the year 2000.

The pacts were sealed during a landmark visit to Moscow by Iran's parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Tass news agency said Rafsanjani, emerging as leader after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini,

Row in Iran

NICOSIA, June 21, (Reuter): The first public political row of Iran's post-Khomeini era has broken out over a plan to increase the powers of the Ayatollah's successor.

Two-thirds of the deputies of the Majlis (Parliament) have protested against a constitutional change that would give the Islamic Republic's new leader, Ali Khamenei, power to dissolve their assembly.

The proposal was accepted by majority vote in a recent meeting of a panel drawing up amendments to Iran's 1979 constitution.

also invited Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on a return visit to Iran.

The chief of the Soviet armed forces indicated earlier today that Soviet arms sales to Iran were being considered.

But General Mikhail Moiseyev said the decision would be made by political leaders, not military men.

The accords, seen as cementing a gradual improvement in once-tense Soviet-Iranian relations, cover commercial, economic, scientific and technological co-operation in a number of fields, including nuclear energy.

Tass, reporting a second day of talks between Gorbachev and

NICOSIA, June 21, (AP): Hans Blix, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, arrived in Tehran today for talks with Iranian leaders on developing nuclear energy, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Blix's week-long visit came amid renewed efforts by Tehran to reactivate its nuclear energy programme following last August's ceasefire in the eight-year war with Iraq.

There have been persistent reports that after the Gulf war erupted, the Iranians, who had earlier disclaimed any interest in nuclear technology, sought to reactivate a nuclear weapons programme launched before the 1979 Islamic revolution.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said Blix headed a delegation of senior officials of the Vienna-based, United Nations-affiliated organisation. The Iranian agency quoted him as saying when he arrived at Tehran's Mehrabad airport that his agency and Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation had co-operated on projects in recent years.

IRNA said he voiced the hope that "suitable grounds" could be found for "mutual co-operation in the future."

The agency did not give any details of what Blix will discuss with Atomic Energy Organisation director Reza Amrohalli and other Iranian officials.

But IAEA spokesman James Dalgleish said in a telephone interview from Vienna that Blix's visit was "primarily diplomatic and there is no specific purpose, such as revitalising Iran's nuclear facilities."

The Iranians are seeking to revive a nuclear programme that was halted when the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was toppled in the 1979 revolution and most of the scientists involved fled abroad.

Rafsanjani, said they agreed to discuss putting an Iranian into space aboard a Soviet craft as well as building a rail link between Moscow and Tehran.

Both sides also made a joint political declaration aimed at strengthening good-neighbourliness between the two countries, which have a common border stretching along 2,500 km (1,600 miles), it said.

"Your arrival in the Soviet Union testifies to the fact that Soviet-Iranian relations have taken another step forward," Gorbachev said.

Moiseyev's comments came earlier at a news conference indicated Moscow was pondering weapons deals with Iran, which was largely armed by the United States until the 1979 revolution.

However, Tass made no mention of the question in its report of today's talks.

"A decision will be taken on a political level," Moiseyev told journalists when asked whether an arms deal would be concluded during the visit. "It will be a comprehensive, considered approach."

Israel strikes 'Jibril' camps

NAAMEH, Lebanon, June 21, (Agencies): Israeli jets bombed a Palestinian radical stronghold south of Beirut today, its third air strike on commandos in Lebanon in a week.

An official for the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General-Command (PFLP-GC) said the jets struck the group's headquarters and two military positions in pine-clad hills overlooking the coastal town of Naameh, 15 km (10 miles) south of Beirut.

A PFLP-GC spokesman in Damascus said one of the group's commandos was killed when hit while trying to rescue a civilian wounded by the Israeli raid. Twelve commandos were also wounded.

The Israeli planes fired more than 100 rockets in 105 minutes, the longest raid on record, but the damage was suffered by civilian houses and factories, the commando group said. Commando redoubts in the area are ordinary buildings fortified with sandbags and bunkers.

An Israeli Army spokesman in Tel Aviv said "the positions attacked ... were used as command posts for the organisation of (PFLP-GC leader) Ahmed Jibril." The Israeli planes returned safely, he said.

The PFLP-GC, a dissident group which split from the Palestine Liberation Organisation, led by Yasser Arafat, has denounced the PLO leader's soft tone towards Israel and vowed to wipe out the Jewish state.

Security and Palestinian sources said four US-made F-14 fighter planes made seven bombing runs in the attack. They were backed by two helicopters which took off from a gunboat patrolling the shore.

The PFLP-GC official said the group did not suffer many casualties as most fighters sheltered in underground tunnels.

"The damage is extensive. Some of our military vehicles and equipment were destroyed," he said.

Witnesses said fires raged in the bombed areas which were covered by clouds of black smoke. Commandos and Druze fighters also present in the area prevented journalists from approaching.

Security sources said the attack hit the group's main stronghold in Lebanon, which was the target of a big Israeli raid last December in which 20 commandos were killed.

The striking planes flew into a hail of artillery fire from Druze and Palestinian gunners. Syrian troops stationed nearby as part of a 40,000-strong force in Lebanon kept their guns silent.

Three Arab League foreign ministers charged with solving the Lebanese crisis will meet today in Algiers, diplomatic and official sources said.

Can Beirut stand? — It's in the 'bag'

BEIRUT, June 21, (Reuter): Many Lebanese who learned to live with bombs and shells during 14 years of civil war are now scouring rubbish dumps to remain alive.

The siege of Christian and Muslim areas since mid-March proved to be the final step down the road to economic collapse, driving thousands of people into abject poverty and turning wives and children into scavengers and beggars.

Seven-year-old Saleh spends hours combing through stinking mounds of rubbish for pieces of tin or aluminium which he sells to help his family survive.

"The pay is a pittance but his money can get us a loaf of bread sometimes," said his mother, squatting with her six children in Muslim West Beirut in a shabby apartment furnished only with mattresses.

A three-month-old blockade clamped by Syria and its allies on the Christian enclave, the closure of Lebanon's only airport and Muslim ports, have hit the economy throughout the country.

Almost everyone from fishermen to businessmen are affected, but the poor suffer the most.

"We haven't had any meat, chicken or fruit for ages. The prices are prohibitive. The kids keep asking



Saleh (left) sits with his little sister on the floor of his shabby apartment in West Beirut. (Reuter wirephoto)

for fruit. We promise them some when the situation improves," Maguy Rasheed, a resident of Christian East Beirut, said.

Muslims are also suffering from the blockade of East Beirut which has brought all business and trade across the divided city to a standstill.

"My husband lost his job during

the fighting. We had no money. My two-month-old baby had typhoid ... she was almost dying. I had to beg for money to take her to a doctor," said Salwa Yousef, a mother of six.

Yousef said she and her family had gone hungry for weeks but she only decided to beg when a doctor refused free treatment for her baby.

"This is the first time I beg for money and food. It is humiliating, but the thought of my children crying of hunger makes it easier," she said.

Police said looting had increased by 90 per cent in the last three months, the result they said of economic hardship and unemployment.

Emergency was only option for Premadasa

COLOMBO, June 21, (Reuters): Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa, fighting challenges to his authority, used the only option available to him when he decided to reimpose a state of emergency, analysts said today.

Few were willing to hazard a guess whether he would succeed in controlling

the situation with the emergency powers which allow the military to detain people without trial.

Premadasa introduced emergency rule yesterday after a crippling bus strike looked like spreading to other sectors in the build-up to a nation-wide general strike.

Sinhalese guerrillas of the People's

Liberation Front (JVP) are suspected of being behind the rash of strikes in Colombo and anti-government protests.

It was not immediately clear whether the military armed with its sweeping powers was preparing to crack down on the Sinhalese militants in their southern strongholds.

But a senior military officer based in Matara in the south said the Army was stepping up its operation.

Nearly 24 hours after the proclamation of emergency, buses were still off the road in Colombo and there was minimal military presence on the streets.

Reggie Siriwardene of the Institute

of Ethnic Studies said the government was left with no option but to bring back the state of emergency which Premadasa lifted in January after more than five years.

"His (Premadasa's) hand has been forced. He did not have much choice in the matter," Siriwardene said.

The emergency rule under former

president Junius Jayewardene was widely criticised by human rights activists and Premadasa promised during the election campaign last year he would revoke it.

The government will issue an ultimatum to transport workers, whose nine-day strike has virtually crippled civil administration in the country.

China executes 3 people



Death for democracy

Xu Guoming, one of the three sentenced to death for their role in setting a passenger train alight during the uprising, shown on Chinese state television. The three lost their appeal and were executed in Shanghai.



In the net

A prisoner referred to only as Ding was shown on Chinese state television today, arrested along with his son for the murder of a soldier during the pro-democracy uprising.

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In London Thatcher said she was "utterly appalled" and called on the Chinese authorities "not to persecute those who are merely trying to have better arrangements for democracy."

"The punishment is totally out of proportion to the crime," she added. "It shows the depths of what has happened in China — something we hoped would never happen and still can't quite believe."

Hawke said they were "at one in expressing a sense of almost immeasurable tragedy at what has happened there (in China) and is further compounded by the execution of the Chinese involved in the incident in Shanghai."

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said the executions filled him with "abhorrence, bitterness and deep sadness."

France, Spain and the Netherlands said the EEC would take up the question of its relations with China at next week's EEC summit in Madrid.

In Jinan, 17 people were sentenced to death, but some reportedly could have the sentence changed to life in prison if they stay out of trouble for two years, a local newspaper editor said. The sentences were handed down yesterday following the trial of 45 people before an audience of 10,000 in Jinan, Beijing Radio and the Jinan Daily editor said today.

Each of the 45 was accused of taking part in protests in the surrounding Shandong province, according to radio broadcast monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp.

The reports said others were given life in prison or lesser terms, but three sentenced to death were found guilty of "seriously endangering public order."

Authorities also reportedly arrested more activists today bringing the total nationwide to more than 1,600 since June 3-4, when the Army entered central Beijing and fired on students and supporters. Crackdowns in other cities followed.

China ordered colleges to set up new political education programmes so students will "love socialism and love the Army" and accept official condemnation of the student movement.

Bush is tightening diplomatic and financial pressure on China, trying to block at least \$1.4 billion in development loans while the country is gripped by an "atmosphere of suspicion and reprisal."

The latest sanctions were announced yesterday amid demands from Congress for tougher action to retaliate against China's military crackdown and widespread arrests of leaders of pro-democracy protests.

On Bush's orders, the US will try to postpone consideration of new loans to China by international financial institutions.

One administration source said the action could freeze \$1.4 billion over the next six months from the World Bank and International Development Bank.

Bush also curtailed contacts by US officials with their Chinese counterparts, ordering a suspension of all high-level exchanges of government officials with Beijing.

While not affecting embassy-to-embassy contacts, the action will force Commerce Secretary Robert M. Babbitt to scrap a trip to China next month, Baker said.

Asked whether the US would impose additional sanctions in retaliation for the executions in Shanghai, Baker said: "The United States is not contemplating any additional action at this time."

A Hong Kong delegation arrived in London yesterday seeking assurances of a refuge for the populace if the British colony loses its freedoms when it is ceded to China in 1997.



22 killed as bus plunges

DHAKA, June 21, (AP): A bus carrying 70 passengers plunged from a highway bridge into a flooded canal in eastern Bangladesh yesterday, killing 22 people and injuring 40 others, news reports said.

United News of Bangladesh said the accident occurred in the Comilla district, 70 kilometres (44 miles) east of

Dhaka. The bus, carrying almost double its capacity, was headed to Dhaka from the neighbouring district of Rangpur, the news agency said. It said rescuers found 18 bodies from the wreckage and four died in hospitals. Five of the injured were in a critical condition, UNB said. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chinese may be refused asylum

MANILA, June 21, (AP): The Philippines has asked UN officials to determine whether 18 Chinese who arrived here by boat seeking asylum in Taiwan have reason to fear for their safety if they returned home, officials said.

The 16 men and two women arrived in the Philippines May 3, a month before the June 3-4 massacre in Beijing. They asked for asylum in Taiwan this week, saying they seek better jobs in Taiwan and are afraid to return to the mainland following the crackdown on a pro-democracy movement, officials said today.

Philippine immigration chief Miriam Defensor Santiago said the Chinese would be turned over to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to determine whether they can be classified as political refugees. Economic refugees seeking better work are not considered to be in danger in their homeland and may be denied asylum.

Officials said they will be given temporary asylum while UN officials decide their status.

In Taiwan, Liao Cheng-Hao, deputy director of the government information office, said the national government would not accept the refugees unless they are confirmed as genuine political refugees.

"We may consider accepting a mainland Chinese refugee if he can prove himself to be a political refugee, not just someone looking for a better life," Liao said.

Santiago said the group, mostly fishermen, left the southern Chinese province of Guangdong on April 29 and reached the northern Philippines four days later. The refugees were brought to Manila on June 13, Santiago said.

Yesterday, Karola Paul, deputy representative of the UNHCR here, had said the 18 arrived in the northernmost Philippine province of Batanes on June 13. But Santiago said that confusion in the dates was due to the difficulty in translation.

"As far as we can gather, they apparently left their country because they anticipated that trouble was brewing... that there was going to be political commotion in the next few months," Santiago said.

"And at the same time, they left because of a desire to enhance their economic status," she said.

Land reform

Below target

MANILA, June 21, (AP): The government admitted today its scandal-tainted land reform programme had fallen short of its target in the first quarter of this year.

Presidential spokesman Adolfo Azcuna said the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), which oversees the programme reported a 41.63 per cent performance rate during the first three months.

Azcuna said the report was delivered at today's cabinet meeting but did not elaborate. He said he did not know how many hectares (acres) of land had been redistributed during the period nor how many farmers had received titles.

The programme seeks to distribute farmland to some 3.9 million landless peasants over the next 10 years. President Corason Aquino has described it as one of the main goals of her administration.

The DAR was among at least eight cabinet agencies that failed to achieve their targets. Azcuna said the assessment was part of Aquino's programme to see which areas of her government need improvement.

The land reform department had been under fire recently after allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the year-old programme.

Last month, Aquino furloughed land reform Secretary Philip Juico and 20 department officials after disclosure that he had approved purchasing a 1,889-hectare (4,666-acre) estate in Camarines Sur province for 62.7 million pesos (\$2.98 million) from owners who bought the land for only 3 million pesos (\$142,857) last year.

The sale was never completed, but the administration and Congress are conducting separate investigations to determine whether criminal charges will be filed.

Pinks condemn Chinese reds

Brandt re-elected

STOCKHOLM, June 21, (AP): Willy Brandt, re-elected to a sixth term as president of the Socialist International, today called on the organisation to develop "a new understanding of internationalism."

"Common problems call for co-ordinated policy responses," said Brandt, a former West German chancellor. "There is less and less room to manoeuvre for individual national policies, and finding international consensus is imperative."

Brandt said the world economy was shifting to the Far East, giving Asia a more powerful voice in international politics in the coming decades.

Brandt, who was unopposed, was re-elected to another three-year term as president of the Socialist International, an organisation of 81 Western parties and affiliate associations which is celebrating its centenary at the three-day congress.

The congress closes tomorrow with a resolution on international issues and the adoption of a new declaration of principles.

The congress opened yesterday with a sharp condemnation

of the communist crackdown on protesters in China.

"Many have fallen victim to violence, war and racial mania in many parts of the world. In particular... the students and workers in Beijing and elsewhere in China," said Brandt.

Brandt demanded an end to the "brutal persecution of people demanding freedom."

The Israeli Labour Party, led by Finance Minister Shimon Peres, boycotted the congress to protest its invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organisation as an observer.

Speaking at a news conference, Peres brushed aside speculation he would privately meet Arab delegates before leaving.

"We don't have to go to Stockholm to meet the Arabs. They usually are located in the Middle East," he said.

A draft resolution on the Middle East called for a UN-sponsored peace conference and said "the PLO should take part in the peace process in the region." But it did not specifically call for the PLO to have a chair at the conference table.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Espionage charges

FULDA, West Germany, June 21, (AP): A US soldier pleaded guilty today to charges he gave communist East Germany military secrets on US defence plans, a military spokesman said.

Michael A. Peri, who had been described as a model soldier, could receive a life sentence.

Peri, 21, initially pleaded innocent to the espionage charges.

Burma shooting

BANGKOK, June 21, (Reuters): Troops fired on a demonstration by about 500 people in the Burmese capital today, killing one protester, Jungoon Radio said.

Opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was detained after the incident but released an hour later, the state radio said.

Three students arrested with her were still in police custody.

Jet crashed

GUETERSLOH, West Germany, June 21, (AP): A British Royal Air Force jet crashed while landing at an airfield in Guetersloh, killing the pilot and seriously injuring a passenger accompanying him, a military spokesman said today.

Bomb attack foiled

PALERMO, Sicily, June 21, (Reuters): Police today foiled an attempt to assassinate Italy's best-known Mafia investigator when they found and defused explosives in a bag at his Sicilian holiday home.

Police found a diver's bag containing 20 kg (44 pounds) of explosives and a timer hidden only 10 metres (yards) from the villa of Giovanni Falcone, whose investigations led to an unprecedented mass trial of more than 400 Mafia gangsters three years ago.

Crushed to death

CALCUTTA, June 21, (AP): A newly constructed apartment building collapsed, crushing to death at least 14 workers, police said yesterday.

Most victims were sleeping on the ground floor late Monday night when the building collapsed on them, rescue workers said.

They said six workers were killed immediately, eight died in hospitals and at least 15 were seriously injured.

Suspect arrested

MEXICO CITY, June 21, (AP): Police have arrested a former national security agent and onetime movie actor whom they suspect of killing newspaper columnist Manuel Buer in 1984 in a plot to silence the journalist, authorities said.

Juan Rafael Mora Avila, 36, a member of a prominent family of politicians from the state of Puebla, was the suspected gunman in the killing, the Mexico City attorney-general's office said.

Palme murder

STOCKHOLM, June 21, (AP): An underworld figure testified today he saw the accused killer of Prime Minister Olof Palme outside the movie theatre attended by the Swedish leader before he was shot.

The testimony of Roger Oslund supported the prosecution's contention that the defendant, Christer Pettersson, followed Palme from the theatre and shot him on Feb. 26, 1986.

Pettersson, a drug and alcohol abuser with a previous manslaughter conviction, has denied killing Palme.

Bomb blast kills 2

FESHAWAR, June 21, (AP): Two Pakistanis were killed today when a bomb exploded on their motor scooter as they rode through Peshawar, police said.

Officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police investigators found 8,000 rupees (\$381), a pistol and an identity card among the scattered debris.

Americans returned

BANGKOK, June 21, (AP): Vietnam today returned the remains of what it believed were 28 American servicemen missing from the Vietnam war, and was ready to send back 16 other sets of remains, a US military spokesman said.

A 21-member US military team, headed by Lt. Col James D. Spurgeon, received the remains in a ceremony at Hanoi's international airport, said Maj. Dan Trout, who accompanied the mission.

Rushdie interview

LONDON, June 21, (Reuters): Britain's Press Council, a watchdog body, said yesterday it would investigate the claim on Sunday's statement of an interview with writer Salman Rushdie.

The newspaper billed the interview as Rushdie's first since an Iranian denunciation of his novel, "The Satanic Verses," as blasphemous and a call by Tehran for Muslims to kill him.

US ambassador

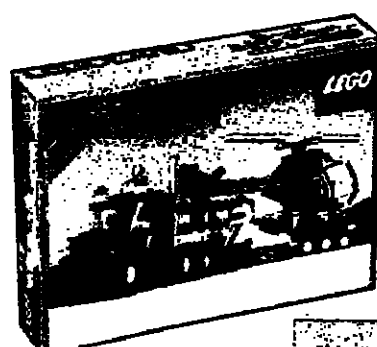
WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): The battle over US President George Bush's choice of Donald P. Gregg as ambassador to South Korea moves to the full Senate after a favourable committee vote reflecting sharp disagreement on whether he lied about playing a role in the Iran-Contra affair.

Gregg has repeatedly denied under oath that he was involved in Oliver North's secret operation to resupply the Nicaraguan Contras rebels while serving as national security adviser Bush when he was vice-president.

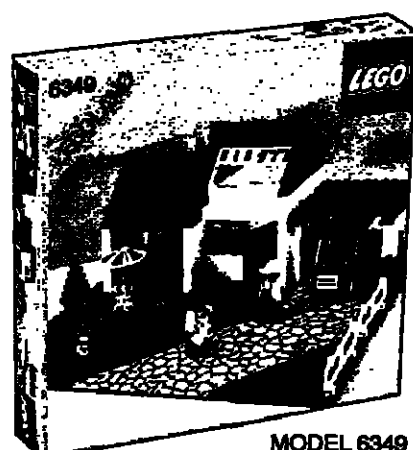
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Indian communications satellite launch on hold due to accident

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, June 21, (UPI): An Indian communications satellite scheduled for launch from a commercial Delta rocket this month was damaged Monday when the hook from a launch pad crane struck it, officials said. The accident — a potentially major setback for US commercial launch operations — occurred about 2:30 pm Monday, just after engineers finished loading the Insat-1D satellite on top of its Delta rocket, scheduled for liftoff June 29 from

the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. With the satellite in place, a "hoist cable" on a five-ton bridge crane failed, "and the attached hook impacted with the satellite," said a statement from McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Co. of Huntington Beach, California, builder of the rocket. "There were no personal injuries." But sources said the satellite was heavily damaged and that it may have to be shipped back to its builder, Ford Aerospace Communications Corp. of Palo Alto,

California, for repairs, which could take months. Launch is on hold indefinitely. "It's been damaged," said a spokeswoman for Ford Aerospace. But she said she did not know the extent of that damage or how easily the spacecraft might be repaired. While the cost of the satellite was not immediately known, the accident was a major setback for McDonnell Douglas and what would have been the first fully commercial launch of a satellite ordered in

the wake of the 1986 Challenger disaster. The government of India signed a contract with McDonnell Douglas on Aug. 1, 1987, to launch Insat-1D using a standard Delta rocket. It was the second such commercial contract won by McDonnell Douglas since the 1986 Challenger shuttle disaster and then President Reagan's subsequent order banning commercial payloads from the manned orbiter in a bid to encourage development of a private-sector launch industry.

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Fonda the woods

actress Jane Fonda was rescued by National Park Service rangers after being lost for a night in the rugged hills of the Sequoia National Forest during a hiking trip, officials said Tuesday.

Fonda, 51, was hiking with a man friend in the national park east of Fresno, California, Sunday afternoon when she became separated and Fonda "lost her bearings," said Stephen Rivers, a spokesman for the actress.

The two-time Academy Award winner was rescued Monday morning, when she was sighted in the forest at an altitude of about 10,000 feet (3,000 m) by rangers in a helicopter, spokesman Bill Tweed said.

PARCHMAN, Mississippi: Leo Edwards Jr., convicted of the murder of a store clerk, was executed in Mississippi's gas chamber early today, four years after meeting with his daughter for the first time in nine years.

Governor Ray Mabus and the Supreme Court both refused last-minute pleas for a stay of execution.

The high court turned down Edwards, 36, in a one-sentence order. Mabus was more explicit. He called Edwards a cold-blooded mass murderer whose case had been decided by 16 different courts.

Edwards, a four-time killer from New Orleans, went to the gas chamber at 12:01 a.m. at the State Penitentiary in Parchman for killing a store clerk after breaking out of a Louisiana prison. He became the 13th person executed in the United States and the fourth in Mississippi since the death penalty was reinstated by the US Supreme Court in 1976.

Defence attorney Clive A. Stafford said of Atlanta said the key issue is "getting a stay for Edwards was what Governor Mabus is going to do with the racism." He said, "Edwards doesn't have a lot of faith in the judicial system after what he's seen through."

Edwards, who was black, repeatedly claimed his death sentence should be overturned because of the racial makeup of his jury. He is charged prosecutors intentionally struck potential black jurors on the all-white panel that convicted and sentenced him to die. (UPI)

LONDON: Lawyers got special permission to take off their traditional 18th-century wigs yesterday as nations used to cold, wet summers welcomed in a heatwave.

With temperatures outside soaring above 80°F (27°C) and faulty fans blasting out hot air, Judge Clive Aylmer allowed barristers to remove their wigs at Stafford Crown Court in central England.

Scottish fire chiefs complained that groups of children were turning on fire hydrants to keep cool — and urinating stones and insults at firemen who shut them off again.

Marine experts warned swimmers to avoid stepping on the sharp spines of poisonous fish normally found in the Mediterranean but lured to British waters by the heat.

The heatwave, which began in early May, has stirred memories of a 1976 drought when pubs ran out of beer, water authorities told people to have their baths and millions of pounds worth of farm and industrial production were lost. (Reuters)



They love Lucy

The late Lucille Ball has been voted the recipient of this year's Governors Award by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, it was announced Tuesday.

The posthumous award will be made during the 41st annual primetime Emmy Awards presentation telecast on Sept. 17. The presentation will be made by Doug Dautman, president of the academy.

Miss Ball began "I Love Lucy" in 1951 and went on to win four Emmy Awards for excellence in television. She was one of the first inductees into the Television Hall of Fame. She died April 26 of cardiac arrest.

Her last appearance on television was on the Academy Awards telecast in March.

LONDON: Celloist Julian Lloyd Webber sold his 200-year-old cello at auction for £82,500 (\$123,750) to help pay for his divorce settlement.

The cello, made by Giuseppe Quadagni in 1791, was bought by a private German buyer, said a spokeswoman for Sotheby's auction house.

Lloyd Webber, younger brother of composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, said recently he was selling the cello to help pay for his divorce settlement. He and his wife, Celia, were granted a decree at London Divorce Court in April after a 15-year marriage.

Lloyd Webber used the cello in many life performances and recordings, including the "Cello Concerto" written for him by Spanish composer Rodrigo.

"He was once quoted as saying: 'The relationship between me and my cello is like a marriage. Nothing, and I mean nothing, comes between us.'"

The Sotheby's spokeswoman said the auction house was "very pleased" with the price, which outstripped the estimate of £50,000 to £75,000 (\$75,000 to \$112,500). (AP)

LONDON: American actor-director Sam Wanamaker celebrated his 70th birthday at a ground-breaking ceremony for a replica of William Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

After 20 years of planning and fund-raising, Wanamaker has signed a £20-million (\$30 million) contract with a construction company to build his project close to the theatre's original site on the south bank of the River Thames.

"This is the second-most important day of my life," Wanamaker said at the ceremony.

The most important day, he said, will be April 23, 1992, the anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday and scheduled completion date for his project, which he calls the International Shakespeare Globe Centre.

The project will be a centre for studies of the playwright and will be home to two theatres, one of them a replica of the Globe, where Shakespeare's plays were performed in the Bard's lifetime. It will also include an exhibition area, offices, restaurant, apartments and shops.

The original Globe Theatre was built in 1599 and burned down accidentally in 1613. It was rebuilt but finally demolished in 1644. (AP)

WASHINGTON: Wind erosion over the winter inflicted its worst damage in three decades in the central and north-central United States, ripping away topsoil over 14.3 million acres (5.7 million hectares), the agriculture department says. (AP)



Ring leader

Former Beatle Ringo Starr talks to reporters in New York about his first tour since the Beatles broke up nearly 20 years ago. Starr will play drums and sing in the tour which begins July 23 in Dallas and ends Sept. 3 in Los Angeles. He will lead a nine-piece band. (Reuters wirephoto)

BONN: A spunky 12-year-old boy may have been the smallest reporter at a packed news conference with Mikhail Gorbachev, but that didn't stop him from firing off a question and later asking for the Soviet president's autograph.

Alexander Blume managed to squeeze himself close enough to a microphone set up for reporters to query the Kremlin leader at the news conference last week.

Blume, a Hanover school boy who works for a West German youth magazine, was accredited for the news conference. When his turn came to question Gorbachev, he asked: "What do you especially want to say to the youth in Germany?"

Gorbachev said he wanted to appeal to them to help ensure international trust in the future. (AP)

AUGUSTA, Georgia: Adrienne Brown, wife of jailed soul singer James Brown, was placed on five years' probation and fined \$5,000 Tuesday after pleading guilty to a drug charge.

She also was ordered to continue with drug and alcohol screening.

Mrs. Brown, 39, was arrested in May last year as she got off a plane at Bush Field in Augusta and charged with possessing the drug PCP. She had been arrested on a similar charge six weeks earlier. One of two charges was dropped when she pleaded guilty to the other.

Brown, 56, is serving a six-year sentence at the State Park Correctional Centre near Columbia, South Carolina, for trying to run over two policemen during a two-state auto chase last fall.

Brown, known as the "godfather of soul," is serving a concurrent six-year term in Georgia for carrying a weapon to a public gathering and driving under the influence of PCP. He is eligible for parole in May 1991. (AP)

WASHINGTON: The widow of Ambassador W. Averell Harriman will give Vincent Van Gogh's "Roses," a still life valued at \$30 to \$60 million to the National Gallery of Art, gallery director J. Carter Brown announced yesterday.

He also announced acquisition of four other outstanding works closely linked to France.

The painting, the first Van Gogh still life to join the National Gallery's permanent collection, was donated by Pamela Harriman in honour of the 50th anniversary on March 17, 1991, of the opening of the gallery's west building.

Charles S. Moffett, senior curator of paintings at the National Gallery and an authority on Van Gogh, said "Roses" is "unquestionably one of Van Gogh's most important and most beautiful paintings." (AP)

Furious courtroom fight hampers Hurt hearing

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): An irate William Hurt refused to answer questions after the actor accused his former lover's lawyer of insulting him and his 6-year-old son during a courtroom shouting match.

After the exchange, Sandra Jennings testified that the 39-year-old Oscar-winning actor introduced her to several people as his wife — Hurt testified Monday and yesterday that he never did so.

Ms. Jennings, trying to prove that their three-year relationship constituted a common-law marriage, is suing for half of what Hurt earned during the time they lived together.

The trial was scheduled to resume this afternoon.

The confrontation yesterday arose while plaintiff attorney A. Richard Golub questioned Hurt about his relationship with Jennings, the mother of the actor's son, Alexander.

Golub, exasperated by Hurt's answers and by frequent objections by defence lawyer Martin Shelton, complained to State Justice Jacqueline Silbermann that Shelton was "interrupting my rhythm, and rhythm is everything."

As Golub tried to resume questioning after a spate of Shelton's objections, Hurt — who had been combative and evasive in 1 1/2 days of testimony, quipped to the lawyer, "Get your rhythm right."

Golub replied: "You had your right, pal, when you had Alex, didn't you?"

Hurt asked the judge, "You can permit that?"

The judge, hearing the case without a jury, said, "Objection sustained," and told Golub to stick to the issues. Golub tried to resume questioning.

"I'm blocked," Hurt told the lawyer. "What you just said is an insult to me, you understand? OK? I can't hear anything else."

The judge ordered a 10-minute recess.

Jennings, a 32-year-old former ballerina, testified that Hurt introduced her as his wife to people they met in Beaufort, South Carolina, where he was shooting "The Big Chill" in late 1982.



Hurt engages in an angry exchange with lawyer Golub (back to camera). (Reuters wirephoto)

Jilted but paid

Post-dated

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP): A girl who was stood up for a high school prom received a cheque for \$81.23 from her date yesterday to settle a dispute she had threatened to drag through small claims court.

Tomontra Mangrum, 15, a sophomore, sued Marlon Shadd, 17, a senior at another school, after he begged off their date claiming he had an injured ankle.

Brothers misses most the shared laughter of 39 years of marriage

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): The death of her husband has left Dr. Joyce Brothers better able to understand the pain of others, according to a published report.

Brothers says in an interview with People magazine that, after the cancer death last year of her husband, Milton, she realized that no one

lives without pain.

"My pain just came a little farther down the pike than a lot of people's," she wrote. "It's one thing to read research and discuss the findings. It's another thing to be able to understand another person's pain emotionally."

She wrote that she misses the laughter she and

her husband shared in their 39 years of marriage.

"You miss that more than anything else. Sex is not something you miss. What you miss is the person who, with all his problems, worries and difficulties, thinks you're the greatest person in the world."

Jennings also said that Hurt discussed marrying her in a double wedding with "Big Chill" co-star Meg Tilly and her fiancée, Tim Zimmerman. She said the idea was Hurt's.

Jennings testified that Hurt wanted to get married after they signed a prenuptial agreement.

Later, in an interview with New York Post columnist Cindy Adams, Jennings accused Hurt of committing perjury.

"He lied. In court, on the stand, under oath, the man lied," she said.

"He said he did not sign a prenuptial agreement with me. He did. We both did."



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Take a handful of nuts a day

Keep heart attacks away

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): A handful of nuts a day may keep the heart attack away, according to a group of California researchers.

A six-year study of diet and fatal coronary heart disease among 34,000 California members of the Seventh-day Adventists church found that nuts were the only food item listed with a statistically significant protective effect against heart attack death.

"Compared to a person who never ate nuts, a person who ate them at least once a day had only 47 per cent of the risk" of fatal heart attack, said Dr Gary Fraser, co-author of a study presented yesterday at the 2nd International Conference of Preventive Cardiology.

"Making this even more significant is that a year ago we looked at non-fatal (heart attacks) and got findings that were extremely similar," said Fraser. "Nuts seem to reduce the risk of both fatal and non-fatal heart disease."

"Significant protective relationship were seen with consumption of whole wheat bread, nuts and

citrus fruits," the report said. But in a further refinement of the data, Fraser said nuts appeared to be the major common food that protected against heart disease.

"It was fairly consistent across the sexes, by the age groups, by smokers and nonsmokers, and all of the major risk factors" he said.

A re-survey of part of the study group determined that peanuts were the most commonly consumed nut — chosen by about 60 per cent of those questioned.

Fraser said the questions dealt only with the frequency of nut consumption and found that the more often nuts were eaten, the greater the protection. Those who ate nuts at least once a day did best.

As to quantity, Fraser said "a handful of nuts, or something like that" was probably typical.

Fraser said it is not now known what in nuts can provide protection from heart attack, but he speculated that it could be the types of vegetable

Talkative machine will help the blind

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): Robert Argyropoulos talked to a machine yesterday and the machine talked back, telling the 22-year-old engineering student the time, reading newspaper articles aloud and dialing a phone number.

Its developers say the machine, though still primitive, is the most promising aid for the blind since the introduction of Braille 160 years ago.

The Personal Companion, unveiled at a news conference, was created for the 6.5 million Americans who cannot see well enough to read or are so handicapped they can't turn a page or punch a keyboard.

The machine has the appearance of a computer, but without a keyboard. It is programmed to respond to the voice of its user.

Transceptor Technologies Inc., a Michigan company founded in 1986 by people with backgrounds in medicine, visual rehabilitation, telecommunications, computer design and education, developed the Personal Companion.

Argyropoulos, a 22-year-old computer buff, designed the software, working 20 hours to 80 hours a week while a student at the University of Michigan.

He said he wanted to build a machine "not for the superstar blind person but one that your grandmother could use without knowing anything about computers."

Argyropoulos said 20 minutes of training by the machine, which gives instructions by voice, are all that's needed to get started.

Company President Bernard F. McCrory said the machine costs \$6,500 to \$6,800. The higher priced model comes with a screen for the visually impaired on which the type can be made higher.

McCrory said the machine could be leased by those who can't afford to buy one.

Saving his skin

■ Dieters who lose 10 or 20 pounds (5 to 10 kilograms) may give away their baggy old clothes. But Dennis Genz's 173-pound (78.5 kilograms) loss left him with too much skin, so he donated about 4 square feet (37 square metres) to help save burn victims.

"This is a first for us... occasionally, rarely, if a child is a patient a parent may donate skin," Betty Perl, director of education for the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois, said yesterday.

The 5-foot-11 (180-centimetre) Genz, 43, weighed 430 pounds (195 kilograms) last August when he began a high-protein weight-loss regimen.

Last week, he weighed in at 260 (118) and prepared for surgery to remove excess skin from his abdomen to ease back pains and other problems.

■ A woman underwent back surgery on live television and said she agreed to it in hope of helping others who may need the operation.

"I don't feel invaded at all," said Deborah Arizin, 27, a sales representative from Haddonfield, New Jersey, who had suffered from back pain for more than half her life. The surgery took place on public television Monday night.

The 2 1/2-hour operation to help correct a 50-degree curvature of Arizin's spine is expected to make the 5-foot-9-inch (175 centimetres) patient an inch and a half (almost 4 centimetres) taller.

"It's really kind of surprising, but the focus is the surgery and the new technique and how it can help other patients," Arizin said. "I agreed in the hope that it would help other people who are going through the same thing."

Medical file

Headaches

A real pain in the neck

BOSTON, June 21, (UPI): Rod Fritz used to wake up from a nap every day with an intense pain that felt like someone was sticking a red-hot poker into his left eye.

"It's almost indescribable," said Fritz. "It was like something was going to explode. It was really bad."

Fritz would get up and try everything he could think of to stop the pain. Nothing worked. Not aspirin. Nothing.

"I would pace the floor. It was very intense pain," said Fritz, 40, news director at a Boston radio station. "It was really bad."

The pain would eventually subside after about an hour. This happened every August for two years.

"I thought they were sinus headaches. For the first two years I didn't do anything about them because they would go away in September. The third year they just were so bad I had to do something," said Fritz.

Fritz went to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Institute in Boston, where doctors told him the pain was not from sinus headaches. They tested for a brain tumour and found nothing.

Finally, Fritz heard about a special headache clinic at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston and made an appointment.

Doctors there diagnosed Fritz as suffering from "cluster headaches," which are headaches that tend to come the same time every year or day and then go away and come back the same time.

The doctors prescribed two types of drugs and told him to get a tank of oxygen, which he should breathe if he felt a headache coming on. The headaches disappeared within two weeks and have not returned, he said.

"It's been great. The pain is so intense that while you're in this cluster syndrome you're constantly thinking and wondering when you're going to get a headache. You almost cannot work," he said. "Now, I'm fully prepared for if they come back."

Fritz is among the more than 45 million Americans who get headaches severe enough to seek treatment. Millions more probably get headaches that interfere with their daily lives, experts say.

A recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that headaches may be even more common than previously believed.

A National Institute of Health survey of 10,169 people found 95 per cent of women and 90 per cent of men had at least one headache in the past year.

Eight per cent of the men and 14 per cent of the women reported missing part or more of a day of work or school because of a headache.

"It's a big problem," said Dr Egilinus Spiering, director of the headache centre where Fritz was treated. "Headache was a tremendous prevalence in our society."

The most common type of headache is a tension headache, which is usually a dull pain that feels like a tightness around the scalp or neck. These are usually triggered by stress, fatigue or depression. Rest, aspirin, ice packs are usually effective in alleviating the pain.

Severe

Cluster headaches are usually very severe and develop around or behind on eye. They usually occur at night and awaken the victim and are often accompanied by tearing of an eye, congestion and flushing.

Most commonly affecting men, cluster headaches usually occur in groups for days, weeks or months at a time and then disappear for a year or more. Smoking and alcohol may trigger them. Drugs and oxygen usually help.

Many people also suffer from sinus headaches, which develop when sinuses become infected or inflamed, causing a gnawing pain in the nasal area that increases in severity as the day goes on. Decongestants and antibiotics can help, although some people need to have their sinuses drained.

Vascular headaches occur when the blood vessels in the scalp expand and contract, producing a throbbing pain often synchronised with the pulse. The best known and most debilitating vascular headaches are migraines, which afflict as many as 18 million Americans.

Migraine headaches are characterised by severe pain and in many cases, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, cold hands, tremor, sensitivity to light and sound. Attacks may last for a few hours, a day or even longer.

"Classic" migraines give the victim warning symptoms 10-30 minutes before the headache begins. The warnings usually consist of an "aura", which can include visual disturbances such as flashing lights, zigzagging lines or areas of total darkness. They can also include tingling or numbness in an arm or leg, strange odours, restlessness, confusion, speech impairment. "Common" migraines are similar to "classic" migraines but they do not have the warning signs.

There appears to be a hereditary component to migraines, with 70 per cent to 80 per cent of people with migraines having a family history. Women are more than three times more likely than men to get migraines.

There can be a variety of causes, including diet, stress, menstruation, poor eating and sleeping patterns.

Ice packs, pain relievers, drugs that constrict blood vessels and biofeedback can help.

Roll up for magical mystery tour

MONTECITO, California, June 21, (UPI): A travel entrepreneur has given a traditional kid's game an adventurous adult twist.

For \$5,300 per player, well-heeled globe-trotters can take part in Jonathan Bassan's international scavenger hunt, jetting to such exotic locales as the Indonesian island of Bali to pick up a sarong or Fatima, Portugal, say, for a vial of holy water.

If the chance to visit far-flung corners of the planet and pit one's travel wiles against other adventurers is not enticement enough, the first pair back to the starting line will receive \$25,000.

Second place will reap \$15,000 and third place \$7,500.

Bassan believes the game, dubbed the Humanrace, provides novice wayfarers with an introduction to world travel and

jaded veterans with a new wrinkle.

"They get a real interesting travel experience," Bassan said. "They get a cultural experience. They get an adventure. They get the thrill of participating in a first-time event and they get a chance, if they win, as Andy Warhol said, to get their 15 minutes of fame."

In addition to an active wanderlust, players must possess a talent for logistics, the athletic conditioning to climb mountains and the daring to race camels through the desert, Bassan said.

"This is not a vacation. People call in and I talk with them. I try to get a sense of who they are because if they just want a vacation I tell them to go to Indonesia and hang out on a beach in Bali," he said.

Bassan is keeping details of the itinerary secret until the start of the race

this fall, but participants will travel to at least eight nations in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

"That prevents any team from planning ahead and getting an unfair advantage and that maintains the mystery of the event," he said.

In 1975, Bassan sold the photography business he owned to embark on a two-month world tour. That voyage evolved into a three-year sojourn, and for the subsequent three years he imported primitive art, a business that permitted him frequent trips overseas.

But when he started a family in 1981 — he met his wife in Bali in 1977 — he turned his attention to something closer to home: real estate. But he missed the adventure and romance of mingling with other cultures.

The idea for a global challenge first

came to him eight years ago, but it languished until last year.

"It was always kind of in the back of my mind as a fun thing," he recalled, "but seven or eight months ago I woke up and said I'm sick of this. I'm tired of real estate brokers, bankers, lawyers. I like to travel."

Between 30 and 50 teams will take part in the scavenger hunt, which will begin Oct 28 and end 72 hours after the third place pair finishes.

In each country, Bassan has created an adventure that will take two to three days. The entire contest should last about 3-1/2 weeks.

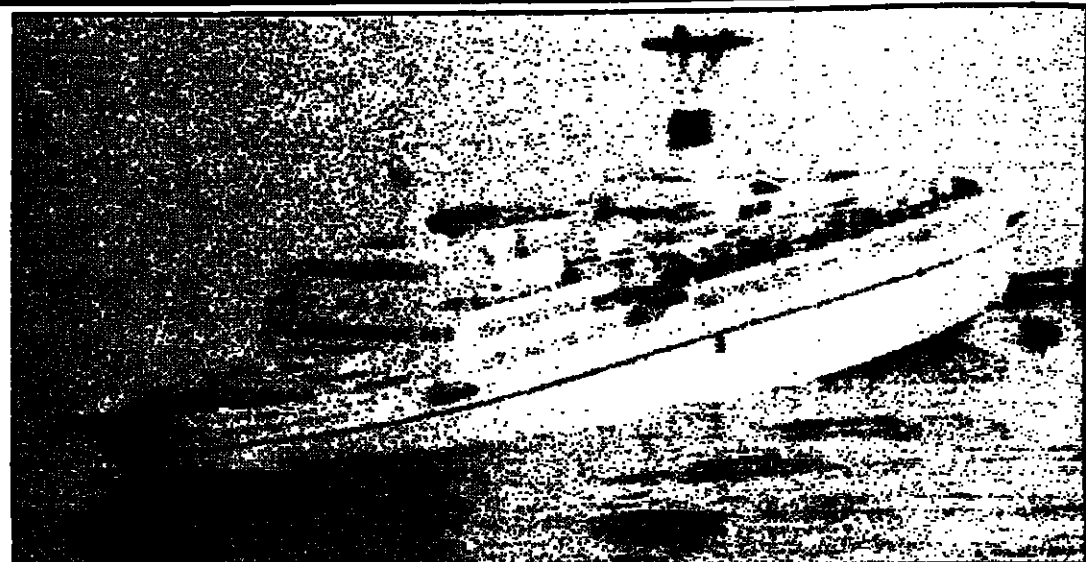
Transportation and hotel arrangements will be made ahead of time, but the competitors will have to decide for themselves which country to fly to next and figure out how to get around.



Irene and Martin Kahlhoefer joyfully hold their son Simon after returning from Spitzbergen. (Reuters wirephoto)



Passengers from the liner Maksim Gorkiy having an emotional reunion with loved ones after being flown to Dusseldorf. (Reuters wirephoto)



An aerial view of the ill-fated Maksim Gorkiy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ship blundered into drift ice

Liner was going too fast

ABOARD THE SENJA, Arctic Ocean, June 21, (Reuters): The skipper of a Norwegian Coast Guard ship — which rescued hundreds of passengers from a stricken Soviet cruise liner said today the Maksim Gorkiy was travelling much too fast when it smashed into a belt of Arctic ice.

"I don't know the exact speed but I was told by crew on board that it had a speed of between 14 to 17 knots at the time of the accident," Sigurd Kleiven, commander of the Coast Guard vessel Senja, told a news conference aboard his ship.

Asked how fast he would have been going in such foggy conditions with drifting ice around, he replied: "Between two and three knots."

"None of the 990 people aboard the 25,000-ton Soviet liner was hurt in the accident in the early hours yesterday."

Kleiven said that contrary to earlier reports, the

Maksim Gorkiy had not hit an iceberg but had blundered into a huge belt of drift ice about 2.5 metres (eight feet) thick, two nautical miles wide and 12 to 15 miles long.

"We saw no icebergs in the area," he said. The Senja had to plough through the same barrier of ice to reach the damaged ship and rescue passengers, hundreds of whom had taken refuge in lifeboats or on ice floes.

Kleiven's estimate of the speed of the Maksim Gorkiy was confirmed by the West German cruise director Winfried Prinz who was aboard the ship at the time of the accident.

He told reporters the vessel was travelling at 18.4

"Knots." Crew still aboard the Maksim Gorkiy succeeded in stabilising the ship and patching up the two gas-holes in its hull opened by the ice.



One of the lifeboats from Maksim Gorkiy lies stranded on an ice floe after passengers abandoned the ship. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tourists relate ordeal after Soviet liner hit ice

'We were looking death in the eyes'

A WEST German tourist today described how passengers and crew members from the liner used poles to nudge away drifting ice floes that could have splintered their lifeboat like a twig.

"After we were lowered to the sea with about 100 other passengers and crew and moved away from the ship, we found ourselves in the middle of pack ice with no other boats in sight," recalled Ludwig Pfeilschifter.

"The fear was just palpable in the boat: you could see it in our pallor, and some of us thought we were looking death in the eyes," said Pfeilschifter, who spent 5-1/2 hours in the open lifeboat before being rescued by the vessel Senja.

"If the Senja hadn't happen-

ed so close by, if the sea hadn't been so calm and if it hadn't been for the (Arctic) midnight sun, our situation would have become a catastrophe," his wife Maria said.

More than 570 cruise passengers were emotionally reunited with relatives in West Germany after flying in from the Arctic island of Spitzbergen, where they were taken to safety after being plucked from lifeboats and ice floes.

The 25,000-ton liner Maksim Gorkiy ploughed into shifting Arctic pack ice near Spitzbergen during heavy fog yesterday, puncturing its bow and forcing a mass evacuation.

None of the 611 passengers — most of them elderly West Ger-

mans — and 379 crew was hurt. But most had to spend hours in lifeboats in freezing weather before being rescued and taken to Spitzbergen by boat or helicopter.

Some of the passengers who arrived on a chartered jet in Dusseldorf assembled with the tour group's priest in the airport lounge to say the Lord's prayer, while others fought off exhaustion to tell their stories.

Maria Pfeilschifter described how after they had drifted in the ice for hours, Soviet crew members ordered her group to climb onto a large ice floe because they felt it would be safer there until help came.

"We thought it was all over then," she said, adding that blan-

kets and planks from deckchairs were placed on the floe to reduce the chances of slipping and breaking through the ice.

The group was saved shortly afterward by the Coast Guard ship.

Other passengers said there was no panic after the Maksim Gorkiy rammed the ice pack and that the evacuation mounted by Soviet crew members was generally efficient and professional.

But they complained of what followed — terrifying hours spent in freezing fog aboard lifeboats ringed by shifting pack ice without any sign of rescuers.

Micha Neuhaus, 28, the pianist on the cruise, said he was playing the song "Green green grass of home" when the liner rammed

the ice, toppling a heavy loudspeaker onto his 20,000-mark (\$10,000) piano.

Dozens of people in one lifeboat had to endure an experience almost as harrowing as fending off the pack ice.

"For some reason, our lifeboat was not lowered all the way to the water surface. We just hung from the cables for four hours, banging against the ship's hull like a roller coaster," said 76-year-old passenger Werner Jahn.

Finally, the lifeboat was hauled back up to the deck and passengers were allowed to collect their belongings from their cabins. Then they were promptly lowered to the water and picked up by the Coast Guard vessel.

Lobbyists fork out a bundle to wine and dine travelling senators

WASHINGTON, June 21, (UPI): Lobbyists paid for "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in costs for private travel junkets for 95 senators in the last Congress in exchange for special favours, a public policy group reported yesterday.

"Many of these junkets are designed to give lobbyists the chance to fraternise with lawmakers, frequently at pricey resorts, and provide special

interest groups with yet another opportunity to gain access and influence with members of Congress," Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, said in the survey of 100 senators in the 100th Congress.

Senator John Breaux, a Louisiana Democrat, in his first two years in the senate, led all his colleagues with 37 privately funded trips, according to his financial disclosure form, Public

Citizen said.

Senators are required to list all reimbursed travel expenses in excess of \$250 on their financial disclosure forms, including the cost of an accompanying spouse.

The group said 95 senators reported a total of 1,121 trips paid for by special interest groups, although there may be more because some members received

additional time to report on their travels.

After Breaux, Public Citizen said the other top recipients of reimbursed private travel were senators:

■ Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican, 34 trips.
■ Alan Cranston, Democrat of California, 33 trips.
■ Dale Bumpers, an Arkansas Democrat, 30 trips.

■ Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell of Maine, 29 trips.

■ Republicans Pete Wilson of California and Charles Grassley of Iowa, 26 trips each.

■ Joseph Biden, Democrat of Delaware, Mark Hatfield, Republican of Oregon, and Jake Garn, Republican of Utah, 24 trips each.
■ James Exon, a Nebraska Democrat, 23 trips.

■ Alan Dixon, an Illinois Democrat, 22 trips.

■ Democrats Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and Sam Nunn of Georgia and Republican Alan Simpson of Wyoming, 21 trips each.

The most popular destination was New York, visited 94 times, Los Angeles, 79, and Chicago, 57. Las Vegas ranked last in the top 10 destinations, for 18 trips.

US, Soviets begin strategic arms talks

Anti-cheating plan prepared

GENEVA, June 21. (Agencies). Full-scale US-Soviet talks on strategic arms cuts resumed today with the two sides still split on key issues and the Americans set to put forward new ideas on how to guard against cheating.

The full US and Soviet delegations began a six to seven-week session of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), which are aimed at halving their strategic nuclear arsenals, at the US mission in Geneva.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in a statement on the eve of the session, said a pact cutting each side's long-range nuclear forces is part of "the next phase" in disarmament.

"The basis for this already exists and the outstanding questions are not insurmountable as far as we are concerned if the two parties make the necessary efforts," Gorbachev said in a message carried by the official Tass news agency.

The heads of the two delegations, both new to the job, had met privately on Monday, the official opening of an 11th round of negotiations.

Talks were suspended in November to enable the new administration of President George Bush to carry out a defence policy review.

Washington's demand for verification procedures to be tried out before any treaty is one of the most important results to emerge from the US review.

Chief US negotiator Richard Burt said yesterday the scheme would give both sides early practical experience in verifying a START agreement.

The Soviet delegation, led by Yuri Nazarkin, has declined comment on the US proposal until Washington provides more details.

Bush will drop a US call for a ban on mobile missiles if Congress funds his controversial "two-missile" nuclear modernisation programme, the White House said yesterday.

Bush has proposed spending \$1.2 billion next year to begin putting America's 50 existing MX missiles on railroad cars, and is seeking \$100 million as a down payment on a \$25 billion plan for a new, smaller "Midgetman" missile on trucks.

But his proposal is under fire in Congress, in part because it conflicts with the US bargaining stance at the negotiations.

Bush met Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders at the White House yesterday to discuss the talks. Spokesman Martin Fitzwater quoted Bush as telling them: "Don't pull the rug out from under us on the two-missile programme."

Fitzwater said the president stated "that he considers mobility essential to assure the survivability of our ICBM (intercontinental ballistic missile) forces."

Asked how this squared with



Burt chance

Partners not foes

MOSCOW, June 21. (UPI). Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev received Adm. William Crowe today and said the visit by the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff shows Moscow and Washington are moving from being adversaries to being partners.

But Crowe said shortly after a news conference at the Foreign Ministry press centre that although the relationship between the two superpowers had greatly improved, there were still differences in points of view, namely on arms control issues.

Gorbachev, arguably the most popular leader in the world today, met the 64-year-old admiral, with an advanced degree from Princeton, at one of his working offices in the Council of Ministers building inside the Kremlin.

"The very fact that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the US armed services is visiting the Soviet Union now can be considered to be the most weighty argument showing that our relationship with the United States has risen to a new level of maturity."

Crowe, who arrived June 12 on the first ever working visit by a US official to the Soviet Union, said: "We have had an interesting 10 days in the Soviet Union."

"I have observed first hand that Soviet citizens are a great deal like Americans. They put great emphasis on their families and their homes. They want a better future for their children and peace and security. They are very dedicated to their country and all these traits Americans admire."

the US bargaining position, the spokesman replied: "If the Congress passes these systems... then that would change our position at the negotiating table."

Nazarkin has said his delegation had not come empty-handed to Geneva but he declined to spell out what fresh proposals the Soviet Union would table to

speed completion of a treaty on which negotiations began in 1985.

Both sides have made it clear they stuck to their guns on the issue of whether a START treaty should be linked to a deal curbing the US "Star Wars" project for a ground and space-based anti-missile defence system.

Moscow says deployment of the system would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty since some of the defences being developed are space-based.

But Burt said he did not think a START treaty should be held hostage to an agreement on space defence.

Under the new US anti-cheating plan outlined by Bush on Monday, both sides would begin tackling the tricky problem of verification early by testing monitoring procedures during the talks, rather than waiting until the treaty is completed.

The Washington Post quoted an unidentified official in Washington as saying such trial inspections would involve around-the-clock monitoring of some ballistic missile factories and on-site checks of missile warheads. The proposal also was reported to include a ban on some missile flight tests.

Burt said, however, that verification will not "be the centrepiece" of the negotiations.

A Canadian politician yesterday called for dismantling short-range nuclear weapons and said NATO should not modernise its nuclear arsenal.

"There should be no intention whatsoever to modernise nuclear weapons, and it is ludicrous that we should enter negotiations having already ruled out the possibility of the complete elimination (of nuclear) weapons," said Ed Broadbent, leader of Canada's New Democratic Party, at the opening of the Socialist International Congress in Stockholm.

US Defence Secretary Richard Cheney's proposed \$5.4 billion cut in military hardware next year won its first vote in Congress yesterday with narrow approval by the US House of Representatives Armed Services Procurement Subcommittee.

The subcommittee, in a vote Congressional observers said might be unprecedented, approved without change Cheney's \$69 billion request for weapons and military hardware by a vote of 10 to 9.

The US Defence Department plans to begin paying the full cost of weapons development in a major shift that could save contractors billions of dollars annually, defence officials said yesterday.

No specific dollar savings for industry were announced, but under a practice begun by the administration of former President Ronald Reagan many defence firms now pay up to 50 per cent of the cost of developing specific weapons.



No way

LONDON, June 21. (UPI). The dawn sun's rays of summer solstice shot through the main arches of Stonehenge today after about 250 people hoping to reach the ancient monument to celebrate the event were arrested two miles (three km) away, police said.

Six people eluded police and reached the stones, 80 miles (130 km) southwest of London, where they were taken into custody, police said.

About 800 police from 12 forces prevented hundreds of pagan sun worshippers and hippies from gathering at the circle of stones to celebrate the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

They were enforcing an order banning processions within four miles (six km) of Stonehenge from June 17 to 25 imposed to protect the monument and prevent a repeat of violence that occurred last year when 5,000 people came to the site.

"There was no violence this year," said Inspector Robert Evans of the Wiltshire county constabulary, declaring the police operation a success.

Most of the estimated 250 people were arrested (picture) in Amesbury, two miles (three km) from Stonehenge, shortly after midnight, he said. Others were chased across fields as they tried to reach the site. (Reuters wirephoto)

Working to form coalition

Greeks try to clean up political act

ATHENS, June 21. (AP). Consultations for a coalition government began today as judicial investigators asked parliament to lift the immunity of two former ministers of the defeated Socialist government, so that they can be prosecuted for accepting bribes.

The two ministers named are former Deputy Premier Agamemnon Koutsogiorgas and Public Order Minister George Petros.

Their alleged involvement, together with other leaders of the Panhellenic Socialist Party of Premier Andreas Papandreu, in major financial scandals, was responsible for the party's defeat in Sunday's inconclusive parliamentary election.

Conservative leader Constantine Mitsotakis, and

Harilaos Florakis, the leader of a Communist-dominated alliance, declared after discussing coalition prospects that the prosecution of those involved in the scandals dominated their talks.

"We remained absolutely agreed on one thing, the issue of catharsis and that the scandals must not be written off," said Florakis, who with 29 seats holds decisive hand in the hung parliament.

"The dominant issue now is catharsis and political developments must be oriented toward this objective," added Mitsotakis.

Latest election results announced today gave his New Democracy Party an additional seat for a total of 145. But this was still six short of the required overall majority enabling him to form a government in the 300-member monocameral parliament.

Nicaragua says US officials involved in drug-trade

CARACAS, June 21. (Reuters). Nicaragua, hitting back at US charges of a Sandinista role in the international drug trade, has accused senior American officials of involvement in drug-trafficking.

"Those responsible for security in the United States are involved up to their eyeballs in this (drug-trafficking) type of activity involving billions of dollars," Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto said in

an interview late on Monday.

He did not name any officials or elaborate on the charges, but denied accusations by the administration of former president Ronald Reagan that Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista government was involved in Latin America's booming drug business.

D'Escoto, in the Venezuelan capital for a conference of the Group of 77 developing countries, also accused his country's US-

backed neighbour, Honduras, of involvement in drugs and called it a "narco-state."

He provided no evidence to support the allegation. Honduras harbours thousands of US-supported Contra rebels fighting the Sandinista government.

In May 1988 Colonel Rigoberto Regalado Lara, a Honduran diplomat and half-brother of the country's military chief, was arrested at Miami's inter-

national airport after customs inspectors found nearly 26 pounds of cocaine in his luggage.

The incident — coming just one month after US authorities masterminded the arrest in Honduras of Juan Ramon Ballesteros, a major reputed drug trafficker — prompted widespread allegations of links between the drug trade and senior Honduran officials.

Using scrap instead of pure metal in jets

Three indicted

TAMPA, Florida, June 21. (AP). A defence contractor used scrap metal in thousands of aircraft and tanks, endangering troops, authorities said.

An indictment was returned Monday against Russell Baker, 63, and his 40-year-old son, Russell Baker Jr, of the Tampa area, both former presidents and general managers of Aerodyne Investment Castings Inc. Also indicted were Carman Eugene Alexander, 55, a former chief engineer.

The bakers surrendered yesterday and were released on bail of \$100,000.

"I view it as the most serious form of crime against the Department of Defence, probably right up there with espionage," Defence Department spokesman Donald Mancuso told ABC news.

"It's a matter of placing greed above national interests and safety of individuals that are trying to serve our country."

The three are accused of plotting to defraud the government

by using less expensive scrap instead of pure metal of turbine engine blades, then certifying that the parts met specifications for pure alloys.

The blades manufactured during seven years are used on more than 22,000 aircraft, including F-16 jets, as well as helicopters and M-1 Abrams tanks, authorities said.

"The whole engine depends on the supreme high quality of that metal," David Gordon Wilson, a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology told ABC. "When it falls the blade may break off. The blade is moving at 1,200 miles per hour. The engine is turning at something like 1,000 revolutions per second. That destroys the engine."

Alexander and Baker Jr were charged with lying to the Army about test results for the parts and trying to keep secret that the blades' failure to meet contract specifications.

The government said the two falsely identified failing results on lab reports as invalid.

Soviet plans Troops leave

PRAGUE, June 21. (AP). Some 300 Soviet troops and 100 military vehicles started leaving Czechoslovakia this week as part of Moscow's plans to withdraw 50,000 troops from Eastern Europe by 1991, a daily said today.

Lidova Demokracie said an engineering battalion began pulling out yesterday from the Moravian city of Olomouc, 270 kilometres (170 miles) east of Prague.

The vehicles, including Army trucks, would be put on five trains and gradually taken to Byelorussia, in western Soviet Union, the newspaper said without providing further specifics.

Soviet troops were first stationed in Czechoslovakia after they led a Warsaw Pact invasion in August 1968 to crush liberal reforms known as the "Prague spring" under former Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek.

The first stage of the current pullout was completed March 17.

Ncube claims world's fastest computer

NEW YORK, June 21. (AP). Ncube has unveiled what it claimed is the world's fastest computer, a machine that can harness more than 8,000 processors to a single task and carry out 27 billion operations per second.

The raw speed of computers is tricky to compare because the performance of a machine depends on its software and the work it is given. But Ncube helped its credibility by announcing Monday its new computer, Ncube 2, would run Unix system V, a widely used type of base-layer software.

Ncube, a privately owned company based in

Beaverton, Oregon, also announced its new machine will run Oracle Corp.'s data-base management software, which is used by businesses for storing and retrieving electronic records.

The ability to run Oracle could help set Ncube apart from its rivals, said Michael Burwen, president of Palo Alto management group.

"Ordinarily the architecture of a supercomputer is pointed to doing number-crunching kinds of things, rather than the kinds of things you need to do for data-base retrieval," Burwen said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bribery charges

ATHENS, June 21. (AP). Judicial investigators today asked parliament to lift the immunity of two former ministers in the defeated Socialist government so they can be prosecuted on bribery charges.

The alleged involvement of leaders of the ruling Panhellenic Socialist Party (PASOK) of Premier Andreas Papandreu in multi-million dollar financial scandals was responsible for his defeat in Sunday's general election.

The official announcement of the commencement of a judicial action came a few hours after the wife of one of the two ministers, former deputy premier Agamemnon Koutsogiorgas, was charged with receiving the proceeds of a crime and banned from leaving the country.

North sentence

WASHINGTON, June 21. (UPI). Oliver North won a delay yesterday in his sentencing on Iran-Contra crimes so that the judge in the case can determine if a juror lied about her drug use and her family's brushes with the law.

US District Judge Gerhard Gesell put off North's sentencing, scheduled for Friday, until July 5 to consider North's request for a special closed hearing to consider whether the presence of Tara King as a juror tainted the verdict.

Thatcher honoured

HAIFA, Israel, June 21. (Reuters). British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, denied an honorary doctorate by her former university, is to receive one from Israel's prestigious Technion Institute of Technology.

The Technion said in a statement Thatcher won the award "in recognition of her life-long involvement in and passion for science and technology, her exceptional statesmanship in British and world affairs, and in gratitude for her friendship to the state of Israel."

Dirty laundry

ATLANTA, June 21. (AP). A jury found former congressman Pat Swindall guilty of perjury yesterday for lying to a grand jury about a money-laundering scheme.

Swindall was accused of lying in court about his 1987 negotiations with a federal undercover agent posing as a drug-money launderer.

No exemptions

WASHINGTON, June 21. (AP). A federal appeals court yesterday rejected a claim for a religious exemption to drug laws that would have allowed the use of marijuana in rites of the Jamaica-based Ethiopian Zion Coptic church.

The US circuit court of appeals for the District of Columbia said in a 2-1 decision that "free exercise of religious guarantee does not require the requested exemption."

Safe landing

HELSINKI, June 21. (AP). Air traffic controllers were on strike when 11-year-old pilot Tony Allengena arrived in Helsinki for the latest stage in his attempt to fly around the world. He managed to land on his own.

The airport was closed to commercial traffic because of the three-hour strike, but Allengena was allowed to land his Cessna 210 Centurion without assistance from the tower.

The youngster, accompanied by his father Gary and sister Ailana, arrived after crossing the Baltic from Stockholm, Sweden.

He landed at 1322 local time (1022 GMT). The three-hour strike had started at 1200 local time to press demands on improved working hours.

Air pollution

FRANKFURT, June 21. (AP). Massive air pollution from agricultural burning extends over most of central and southern Africa and threatens the environment there, a prominent scientific research group has learned.

"It's a phenomenon which essentially covers all of tropical Africa," said Meinrat Andreae, a chemist with West Germany's prestigious Max Planck Institute.

"The amount of burning is increasing rather dramatically, and also the area covered by burns," Andreae said, adding that burning is increasing with the dramatic population surge in the region.

Art thieves caught

EDE, Netherlands, June 21. (UPI). Dutch police said today they had caught two thieves who stole and held to ransom three of Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh's most famous paintings, but two of the canvases were still missing.

The theft, which was the biggest of four major art robberies in Holland in the past two years, took place Dec 12, 1988 at the Kröller-Mueller museum in Veluwe National Park, 95 km (60 miles) east of Amsterdam.

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Medical society to celebrate silver jubilee

'Better health' conference to be held

THE chairman of the Kuwait Medical Society Dr Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al Rushaid has expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to HH the Amir under whose patronage the society will hold its 8th conference and its silver jubilee festival.

Speaking to a local daily, Rushaid said that the society was established in 1962, starting with a few members and presently has a strength of 3,800 members.

The forthcoming conference will be held under the title 'Medical Practice for Better Health', in which renowned Arab and international doctors will be participating and various working papers and research reports discussed.

Clinical studies

The society's scientific and conference-organising committees main objectives are to

encourage young Kuwaiti doctors to carry out clinical studies aimed at determining the various problems encountered by the medical sector in Kuwait and to agree on effective measures.

A number of symposia would be held on the fringes of the conference led by highly qualified professors from various countries in the world dealing with the diseases most common in Kuwait such as diabetes, ulcer,

kidney stones, and other topics, Rushaid said.

He added that a special symposium will be held to establish a religious and physiological definition of the death phenomenon, in which the well-known Muslim scholar Dr Hassan Hathoot will participate.

A special ceremony would also be held to celebrate the society's silver jubilee at which long-serving doctors — those who spent

more than 25 years in the medical profession would be honoured.

Rushaid reviewed the various achievements so far made by the society which covered local and international activities and included the shipment of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to calamity-stricken areas, the operational of the social security project, the establishment of different facilities for medical staff and others.

Sultan case referred to lower court

A CASE filed by Sultan Bin Issa Sons Co. (owners of Sultan Centre) against Kuwait Municipality to consider the second article of its law No. 14 of 1973 as unconstitutional was referred by the Constitutional Court to the Commercial Court for hearing where the original suit had been filed.

The suit originally claimed that the company owned two plots in Salmiya — one of 5,318 square metres and the other 994 square metres. The suit said that the municipality's expropriation of the second plot was unconstitutional as it violated article 18 of the constitution which prevented private property from being expropriated — except for public interests subject to appropriate compensation.

Forcible

The company had also told a lower court, that the forcible expropriation was against other laws governing private property. The court then deputed an expert to study the case and estimate the price of the expropriated land.

After the company changed its plea in disputing the legality of the Municipality Law of 1973, the lower court referred the issue to the Constitutional Court in February of this year.

In rejecting to hear the case, the Constitutional Court said that the company had voluntarily agreed on the expropriation without compensation — although it claimed that they were forced to do so because they feared that the municipality might have stopped the construction on the first plot. The court added that the case becomes a case of compensation and is not an objection to any article from the constitution.

The expert who was deputed by the Commercial Court estimated the price of the expropriated land at KD34,648.



Policemen honoured

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah honouring policemen who apprehended the murderer of a child in Fintas. Assistant undersecretary for Police Affairs, Brigadier Mohammed Al Qabandi and the Director of Ahmadi Governorate Investigations Col Isahq Abdul Hadi Shadad, attended the ceremony. The minister also honoured the head of Al Ain Al Malha Board Centre and workers for their efforts in arresting a number of infiltrators.

Facilities for passenger convenience Airport coping with summer rush

WITH the beginning of the summer season and school holidays, heightened activity takes place at all the country's air, land and sea exits, especially at Kuwait International Airport. A poll conducted by a local daily revealed that a number of passengers may be travelling for tourism, others for treatment and others to visit family and relatives. Airport employees face long lines of travellers unlike other periods of the year.

The General Controller of Kuwait International Airport, Abdul Hameed Dashti talked about preparations of the airport administration during the summer and travelling seasons. He said that airport employees are all prohibited from taking leave so they can face the pressure of travellers. He pointed out that airport services are represented by two sectors, the engineering sector and the operations sector. The operations sector handles

passengers inquiries either through telephone calls or personally. Workers at the airport guide passengers to their specified gates and carry their baggage from the car to the weighing hall.

Regarding indirect services presented by airport administration to passengers, Dashti stated that these services are presented by the engineering sector like maintaining and controlling electronic equipment at the airport such as clocks, television screens and telephone boxes. He added that the engineering department also supervises cleanliness and related facilities at the Kuwait International Airport.

Other services rendered by the airport administration aims at providing a host of other services designed to facilitate the convenience of the travelling public.

On the other hand, Dashti talked about the most important preparations carried by the administration to face the travelling season. He said several meetings are held with officials at Kuwait International Airport to exchange views and suggestions to provide passengers with comfort and to organise exit and entry operations from and to the airport. Airport employees are distributed evenly at departments during pressure periods, in addition to organising other meeting with the objective of creating more facilities for passengers.

Regarding obstacles faced by the employees at airport administration, Dashti said that in fact there are several problems faced by administrative officers. In general he pointed out that vandalism of airport public utilities forms the biggest obstacle. He said that they can't accuse

everybody of such actions, but they mean here some travellers. Dashti urged travellers and relatives to preserve public utilities at the airport. He also called upon travellers to keep a close watch on their children and to comply with safety and security measures taken at the airport.

Fahd Metib Al Matri who was proceeding to Cairo on a holiday said that travelling had many facets. He said he was travelling to Egypt to enjoy looking at new traditions and to take a rest from working all year long. He said that Cairo is characterised with light summer weather and the availability of touristic places, it is also an Islamic and Arab country, he added.

He said that touristic facilities are available in Kuwait but the summer season with the hot weather may prevent most residents from enjoying these huge facilities. He stressed that these facilities could be more adequate during the winter season than the summer.

Waleed Fraji who was leaving with his family to continue his education in Amman said that he is a student at the University of Jordan and that he is now registered for the summer semester. He said that the residence law in Kuwait states that a person can't remain outside Kuwait for more than six months and this is the reason he comes back frequently.

Ibrahim Husni, who is going to Egypt for tourism said that frankly, travellers may face a lot of problems while reserving their tickets. He said that some airlines companies don't have exact times. He pointed out that his plane was supposed to leave six hours ago and that so far he has spent all this time waiting at the airport.

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Joint Arab reservations agreement concluded

KUWAIT, June 21, (KUNA): Eight Arab airlines have concluded an agreement to establish a joint Arab Computer Reservation System (CRS) which will provide them with competitive reservation and other computer system services, it was announced here today.

Ahmad Al Mishari, chairman and managing director of Kuwait Airways said in a press release that representatives of the eight carriers met in Kuwait today and nominated a consultant company to conduct a feasibility study of the project and to determine the best way of implementing it.

The eight airlines participating in the project are: Saudia, Egypt Air, Royal Jordanian, Iraqi Airways, Libyan Arab Airlines, Syrian Arab Airlines, Emirates and Kuwait Airways.

Mishari said the feasibility study will determine whether to launch the project in affiliation or joint venture with one of the existing global distribution systems (GDS). A previous study conducted by a technical task force, he said, revealed that it was not feasible at this stage to establish a dedicated Arab global distribution system.

He said the Arab carriers will determine in view of the findings of the feasibility study with which of the global distribution system, such as Sabre, Apollo, Galileo, Amadeus, Sita, or Abacus the Arab system will affiliate or join.

The eight carriers, participating so far in the project together uplift 80 per cent of the overall volume of passenger traffic carried by all Arab carriers, which is estimated at more than 26 million passengers a year, Mishari said.

He added that further efforts are now being exerted under the umbrella of the Arab Air Carriers Organisation — AACO — to bring more Arab airlines into the project. Twelve out of sixteen AACO member airlines are expected to join the system eventually.

Mishari said the agreement of the eight Arab carriers to launch that joint system has been prompted by the ongoing trend within the air transport industry to create coalitions among various airlines.

Safety symposium

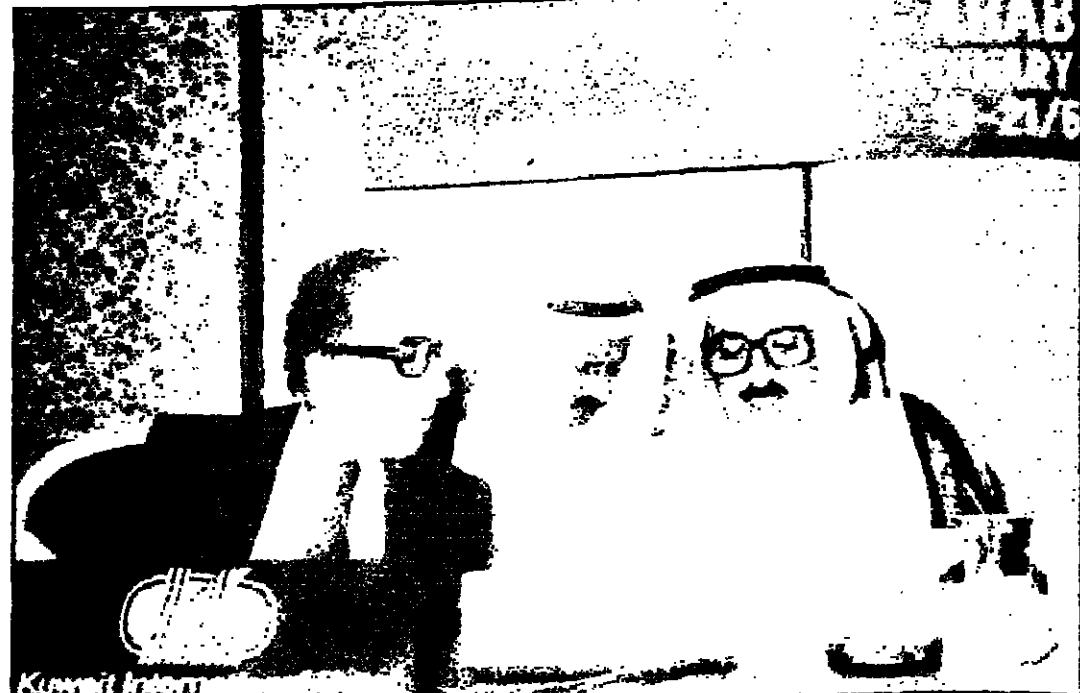
NASSER AL SHAJLI, an engineer at Kuwait Municipality and head of Kuwait's delegation to the Road Safety Symposium organised by GCC secretariat-general in co-operation with the Swedish Commercial Council in Riyadh last week, has said that discussions at the symposium dealt with a number of subjects relating to inter-GCC communication linkage, development of marine transport and upgrading of air and overland transport facilities.

He told a local daily that the symposium also discussed a number of topics and issues contributed by the participants, which stressed the need to further consolidate existing GCC ties through the development of communication channels.

Regular maintenance is available to major industries, whereas minor industries suffer real problems due to the lack of adequate maintenance.

The study attributed this to the high cost of maintenance, failure to administer reliable services, lack of well-planned maintenance, the unavailability of spare parts, and shortage of qualified technicians.

The study reveals that most mid-level



Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed with Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi at the conclusion of the 10th meeting of the Commission on Afro-Arab Co-operation.

Two day Afro-Arab meeting concluded

More recognition for Palestine solicited

KUWAIT, June 21, (Agencies): Foreign ministers and senior officials of 24 Afro-Arab nations ended a two-day conference here late yesterday condemning Israel and South Africa and adopting a Kuwaiti proposal to set up a joint Arab-African Investment Corporation.

The final communique issued by the Standing Committee on Arab-African Co-operation said that the secretariats of the Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity would continue contacts to conclude an agreement to "encourage and guarantee investments" in Arab and African countries.

The committee attempts to strengthen ties between the 22-member League and the 50-member OAU, with the aim of ensuring collective support for Arab and African political causes and for developing economic and financial co-operation.

Arab countries, especially those who double as members within the OAU, have tried to isolate Israel from the African continent to pressure it to accept a political settlement with Palestinians.

However, OAU Secretary-General Idris Omarou sidestepped questions at a later press conference about the chances that African states with diplomatic relations with Israel would break them.

Relations Those countries which re-established diplomatic relations with Israel did that because of their own circumstances and were making sovereignty decisions," Omarou told the press.

Despite that, he said, the "OAU did not go back on its decision to refrain from dealing with Israel because of its aggression on Arab states and the inhabitants of the occupied territories."

The conference called for Israel's withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied in 1967 including Arab Jerusalem, supported the setting up of an independent Palestinian state and urged the Arab League and the OAU to solicit more recognition of the state of Palestine proclaimed by the Palestine National Council, and urged the US to pursue its talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Israel has controlled the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip since the 1967 Middle East war. A 19-month uprising against its military occupation has left at least 526 Palestinians dead. Twenty-three Israelis have also died.

The communique said finance ministers from the two sides will meet shortly to decide the capital and bylaws of a joint Arab-African Investment Corporation.

Conference sources said that contributions will mainly come

from oil-rich Arab states led by Kuwait.

"Kuwait has presented the proposal in order to translate into reality the long-standing slogans of Arab-African co-operation," Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed told the press conference.

Other economic decisions adopted by the 24-member committee include holding the first Arab-African Trade Fair in October 1990 and setting up an Arab-African Trade Zone.

Calling for the crusade against "the racial regimes in Israel and South Africa," the communique urged bolstered Arab-African solidarity to confront "the alliance between Israel and South Africa in the political, economic, military, nuclear and technological fields."

Meanwhile, the Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) has urged Arab and African states to forge closer economic ties to meet what he called a threat from the United States and a more united Western Europe.

"The Americans and the Europeans are getting organised," Idris Omarou told a press conference after a two-day meeting of the Standing Committee for Afro-Arab Co-operation.

"This will be at the expense of whom?" he said. "If we don't hold hands... they will bleed us to death."

Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi, also addressing the press conference, echoed the call for more co-operation.

"Current threats make the two groups, African and Arab, feel the need for joint (political and economic) solidarity toward all international issues," he said.

In a related interview Tunisian Minister of Youth and Sports Hamouda Ben Slama has said that it is wrong to believe that establishment of relations with the Zionist entity would solve African economic problems.

Slama said that the Arabs, through a well-knit, informal campaign can convince the African brothers that presence of the Zionist entity in their continent is not in the interest of their people.

He said that the prime evidence for that conclusion is the racist relationship between that entity and the racist regime in South Africa.

Slama, speaking to KUNA on the sidelines of the tenth session for the Afro-Arab Standing Commission, said Arabs should set strategies to fight Zionist infiltration into the African continent.

Struggle

He added that the Arab-Zionist struggle is not limited to the Arab region nor political aspects but rather it extends to other areas and involves cultural, informational, economical and social fields.

Slama, who headed his coun-

try's delegation to the session, said that the Arab world is linked to the African continent in three main areas.

He divided them into past when both were in the same trench fighting imperialism and seeking freedom and dignity, present where both are dependent on the West one way or another and future where Africa and the Arab world are looking forward to exploiting their still untapped wealth.

The minister hailed the historical speech delivered by HH the Amir at the inaugural session and said that Kuwait's preparations for the conference enabled both sides to build new pillars for joint co-operation.

He described the atmosphere of the meetings as positive which shared in deepening dialogue and enhancing co-operation between them.

Asked on the proposal tabled by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed during the session stipulating establishment of an Afro-Arab Financial Investment Corporation, Slama said that Tunisia seconded the motion and considered it "logical and practical."

He said that the proposal pictures the Arabs as serious and mature in their dialogue and co-operation with the Africans, adding that limiting co-operation on to ink on paper at this particular time, when millions of Arab and African children are starving to death, would lose our work its credibility.

The proposal further won additional weight and importance because Kuwait, known for its successes and seriousness in investment and development spheres, had tabled it, he said.

Slama, shifting to establishment of the Gulf and Arab Co-operation Councils in addition to Arab Maghreb Union, warned against turning those councils into regional blocs.

He also warned that the councils would affect the basic idea of comprehensive Arab unity and called in this respect for harmonising with the Arab League and other pan-Arab institutions to strengthen joint Arab action.

The minister, however, noted that the Arab heads of states' personal supervision over the creation of those councils provides the necessary political weight.

Slama, commenting on President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali's decision allowing multi-party system in Tunisia, said that the pluralism was not limited to political parties but rather encompassed cultural, ideological, syndicate and social pluralism.

Asked on the return of Egypt to the Arab League and the fate of League headquarters, currently in Tunis, he said that Arabs must not stick to clichés and secondary issues.

Shortage of qualified technicians

Minor GCC industries lack adequate maintenance

A STUDY prepared by the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultations has stressed the importance of regular maintenance services in the industrial sector as a prerequisite for ensuring the continuity of production, optimisation of performance and productivity.

The study says that industrial companies in the Gulf have accorded varying attention to maintenance services.

Regular maintenance is available to major industries, whereas minor industries suffer real problems due to the lack of adequate maintenance.

The study attributed this to the high cost of maintenance, failure to administer reliable services, lack of well-planned maintenance, the unavailability of spare parts, and shortage of qualified technicians.

The study reveals that most mid-level

industries depend for maintenance on in-house services, due to the high-cost of these services, while a good number of factories are not privileged with in-house maintenance staff; being much too small to afford a resident maintenance workshop.

The study also revealed that the majority of industrial areas within the GCC lack necessary operational capabilities required to provide factories with their needs like spare parts. A small number of workshops enjoy operational quality, but cannot fulfil the entire factories maintenance services.

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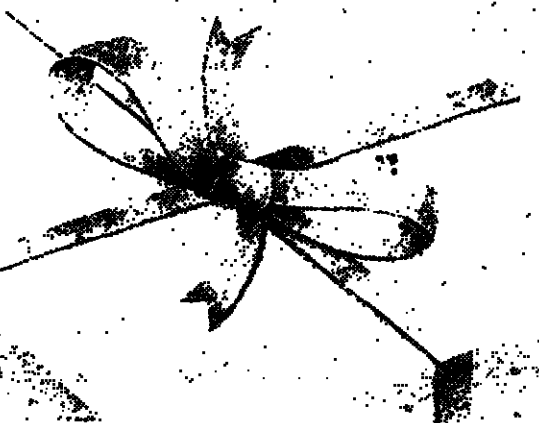
The study prepared by the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consultations suggested establishing a central workshop at each industrial area in GCC states to carry out maintenance services needed for middle and small size factories, particularly at industrial areas that

lack external workshops. The study pointed out that centralising all equipment and machinery requirements will establish an opportunity to form a comprehensive model workshop.

These workshops will require systematic protective maintenance, re-organisation for production lines, the availability of a specialised technical staff and advanced programmes. The study pointed out that establishing central maintenance workshops at industrial areas does not necessarily mean that factories should dispense with maintenance facilities.

The study anticipated that the suggested central workshops will cut down current operational costs and will provide better communications among factories and workshops. The study pointed out that there are opportunities for investing and establishing workshops at industrial areas.

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Dutch dispute blown out of proportion, says Mishari

CHAIRMAN of the Kuwait Airways Corporation, KAC, Ahmad Al Mishari regretted that the commercial dispute with a Dutch contracting company, has been blown out of proportion. He described it as a small dispute and hoped that it will not affect the traditional good relations between Kuwait and Holland or influence their vast joint interests.

In an official statement released yesterday, he said that the dispute was a result of a contract signed with the Hollandia-Kloos company for the construction of an aircraft hangar, workshops and stores. The company did not complete the project in time and had sued the KAC in Kuwait as well as in Dutch courts. Mishari added that KAC repeatedly tried to solve the matter amicably with the Dutch company, but all its attempts went in vain.

Flexibility
Mishari added that KAC has shown a great deal of flexibility with the company at the instructions of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister who responded to appeals and contacts by the Dutch prime minister. The KAC has always wanted to arrive at a solution to the dispute and has offered to concede and drop the amount of the delay fine, imposed on the company for late completion of the project, the official said.

Mishari reiterated KAC's willingness to arrive at a just and fair solution to the dispute. He added that in case the two sides fail to reach an agreement through direct negotiations, it could be more suitable to settle the dispute in accordance with the conditions of the contract by going to the court.

Polish visit

KUWAIT, June 21. (KUNA): Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khalid today expressed thanks to Polish officials for the hospitality he received during his official visit to Poland from June 10-14.

During a meeting with Polish Charge d'Affaires Janusz Dworak yesterday, the minister reviewed the outcome of the visit. "The ministers said that a number of delegations from different technical committees will visit Poland to follow up the issues that were discussed with Polish officials."

Planning body for workforce proposed

Development meetings to continue in September

THE Ministry of Planning has proposed the establishment of a body to be responsible for preparing programmes, plans and policies governing the workforce in the country, both national and expatriates. It will also determine the type of manpower required for each profession and sector with the aim to achieve social harmony and to be in line with the actual requirements of the country's economy.

Undersecretary of the Planning Ministry, Dr Abdul Hadi Al Awadi said that the second five-year development plan has got specific and defined goals to achieve, particularly the optimal utilisation of national manpower, increasing its contribution to the total workforce and thus helping speed up realisation of the population balance.

Awadi was commenting on the results of the three-day top official meeting, which discussed a number of important developmental issues and concentrated on the structure of the country's workforce.

Awadi said that these discussion meetings will be continued in September this year, with the aim to come out with clear guidelines for the second five-year development plan covering the period from 90/91-94/95.

He said that the Ministry of Planning will utilise the

proposals and suggestions of these meetings in working out the second five-year plan, which is primarily based upon the long-term development strategy for the country.

Strategy
The main core of the development strategy is the building of the Kuwaiti human resources. He added that the main object of inviting representatives of the various sectors and sections of the Kuwaiti society, is to make the second five-year plan and exact reflection of the reality of the Kuwaiti society.

Meanwhile, the discussion meeting on its last day yesterday discussed the issue of "Early Retirement" among Kuwaitis. Sulaiman Ahmad Ali of the Kuwait Investment Authority, (KIA), warned of the dangers of early retirement.

He said in a study paper submitted to the meeting, that statistics indicate a big increase in the trend of early retirement among Kuwaitis, particularly ladies.

He said that as many as 12,226 Kuwaiti employees went on early retirement until end of June 1988, representing 64 per cent of all retired Kuwaitis. The picture among ladies is still more appalling 87 per cent of all retired ladies have gone on early retirement.

The Kuwaiti Social Security Law allows Kuwaiti employees with long years in service to seek retirement even before they

reach the legal retirement age of 60 years.

Kuwaitis who are enrolled in the Social Security Scheme for 15 years can seek retirement at the age of 50 years and can ask for retirement even before they reach 50 years, if they spend 20 years in service.

Ladies still have better advantage and can ask for early retirement after spending only 15 years in service as an encouragement to look after their families. In these cases, retired Kuwaitis will get full retirement pensions.

Sulaiman Ahmad Ali said that the danger of this trend is that such retired persons pull out of the workforce usually when they attain their best level of efficiency. Thus, he added, these people turn from being productive to being unemployed, which goes against the goals of the developmental plan.

This continuously reduces the contribution of the national manpower. He added that this also goes against the main object of the country's policies which are mainly centred around the building of the Kuwaiti manpower and utilisation of the national human resources to decrease dependence upon expatriates.

He called for studying this phenomenon at a public symposium to find solutions for the trend.

CSC plans to decentralise decision making

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT'S Civil Service Council is planning to break up the public administration's highly centralised decision-making process and replace it with one modelled on corporate management where decision-making is distributed through the ranks of lower, middle and top management, according to a council member Sulaiman Al Mutawa.

The plan is the focal point of discussions on the administrative reforms prompted by a high degree of inefficiency in the civil service.

Top-tier administrators will have to share power with officials with less seniority to avoid bottlenecks, Mutawa told the Arab Times.

"The time has come for all levels of management to participate in the running of the country. Top officials will just have to delegate responsibility and authority" he said.

The ultimate goal is to run the government as a large corporation with middle management having a far greater say, he added. "We want people who can look ahead instead of those who spend their time solving yesterday's problems," he explained.

The plan runs against the grain of the traditional system of hierarchy that has dominated Kuwait's private and public life with comparatively few men wielding a lot of power.

Mutawa acknowledged that there could be resistance to the

changes but stressed that the government is determined to press ahead with the reforms.

The Council, which includes seven ministers and five prominent Kuwaitis, pins its hopes on young nationals who will be groomed for civil service, he said.

From February next year batches of Kuwaiti graduates will be put through a common orientation programme which will instruct them on civil service procedures. Once they are allocated to ministries they will undergo another course which will spell out their responsibilities and expose them to decision making.

The council also plans to send promising Kuwaiti civil servants for six to nine month courses at Kuwait University to get a public administration diploma.

The decentralisation plan is to be underpinned by new regulatory and legal measures. The Council is currently reviewing the 1979 Civil Service Law and may do away with a promotion system based on years of service rather than merit.

The decision-making process is expected to improve with the introduction of job description, the first such effort in Kuwait's civil service, extending decision-making powers to mid-level officials as well. The council is about to appoint a consulting firm which will, together with a team of young Kuwaitis, define the responsibilities of all civil servants, Mutawa said. The measure is expected to smooth the running of the administration and help prepare candidates for their job appointments.

Civil ID as travel document under consideration

THE feasibility of considering the Civil Identity Card as a valid document for travel among the GCC countries, is being considered by relevant authorities.

"The Civil Identity Card in this connection will supersede the passport," Director General of the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI), Faisal Al Shayji was quoted as saying in an interview with a local daily.

Cards to be given to Kuwaitis will be red in colour which are identical to the nationality certificate, the official said. On the possibility of unifying the card among the GCC countries, the official expressed his doubts as he said the issue is complicated for the time being.

Renewal
On reasons to renew Kuwaiti cards every ten years the official said that the physical characteristic of humans change after this period. However, those over 65 years of age do not have to renew their cards, he explained. Adding the blood group to the Civil Identity

Card had been designed to enable the blood bank to deal with any casualty that needed blood transfusion or other emergency treatment without any delay.

Shayji reiterated the impossibility of forging the new cards of which an estimated three million have been issued — both for citizens and expatriates. The law makes it mandatory for every individual to possess a Civil Identity Card, he added.

The official said that those who come to Kuwait for the first time and possess legal residence should communicate with the PACI within thirty days from the date of obtaining their residence. Failing this, they will be treated as violators. Those already registered and have changed their residence from one sponsor to another are requested to change their identity cards.

Expired cards will have to be renewed within a specific period after which a fine will have to be paid. However, he ruled out the possibility of imposing additional fines on

violators other than those already stipulated. Fines will be seriously applied as of July. For this purpose, two branches will be opened at Ahmadi and Jahra Governorates.

New born babies should be registered at the authority within 60 days of birth to obtain the Civil Identity Card. Delay over this period could cause the violator's family to pay the stipulated fine.

Members of the diplomatic corps will be requested to obtain Civil Identity Cards as the relevant law had not covered them as they were registered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All military personnel also need to possess these cards, the official said.

The official said that there were several complications in having civil cards mailed to the addresses of individuals. Paramount was the issue of security of the card reaching its rightful owner.

To facilitate speedier service to card holders, the authority is considering working two shifts.

Drug for brucellosis

AMMAN, June 21. (GNA): A Jordanian doctor Abdul Raheem Al Hadeer has discovered a new drug which is highly effective in the treatment of brucellosis, better known as the Maltese fever.

The newly-developed drug, Ofloxacin, leaves no side-effects and reduces the treatment period to 10 instead of 40 days with 100 per cent success chances.

"Raheem says that patients to whom the new drug was administered showed 'great' results within ten days from the beginning of the treatment, while the fever disappeared on the fifth day only."

Senior real estate officials refute Chamber statements

THE committee set up to organise the real estate market has denied any relation between a draft law to organise the real estate market and the stock exchange.

The committee was replying to a statement of the Chamber of Commerce that was published by the local papers which considered a draft law to organise the real estate market to be based on the same modalities of the stock exchange.

In its denial, the committee said that its members are not comprised of real estate brokers as the Chamber had stated. "The members of the committee are in fact senior officials in large companies that deal with real estate in the local market" the denial added.

Clarifying its position, the statement of the committee indicated that it did not intend to apply the same regulations as outlined in the draft charter of the stock market. The committee intends to follow a system known as public announcements — Offer and Bid for real estate in order to preserve the rights of all dealers in the market. The committee also aims at protecting small dealers from being exploited and to protect Kuwaiti brokers from unlicensed competition.

The draft law to organise the real estate market was the fruit of several meetings held by all relevant authorities and involved 20 months of continuous labour, the committee said.

According to the draft law, the real estate market will develop the local real estate sector according to the economic development plan. It will stipulate conditions for granting real estate brokers licences.

Dealing in the real estate market should be done through registered brokers and according to regulations and in keeping with the internal charter issued by the committee.

The real estate market is envisaged to be run by a committee comprising representatives of the Ministry of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce, real estate dealers and three representatives from real estate companies. Members will serve a three-year term and elect the chairman and vice-chairman.

The draft law pointed out that incomes of the real estate market accrue from the annual registration fees determined by the internal charter, investments of the market, fines collected from violators and any other income approved by the committee.

Note to Kuwait

KUWAIT, June 21. (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today received a message from his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati.

The message was delivered by the Iranian Charge d'Affaires in Kuwait Javad Torkabadi who called on Sheikh Sabah today at his office at the Foreign Ministry. Sheikh Sabah told KUNA that the message dealt with bilateral relations and the Iranian government's decision regarding the release of six crewmen of a Kuwaiti Coast Guard boat.



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A sympathetic ear for all

EXPATRIATE life in the Gulf is generally regarded as one of affluence and financial security, compared to the less fortunate countrymen 'back home'.

Expatriates from all parts of the world have been coming to the region in sizeable number for several decades in the hope of making a fortune while attractive employment opportunities exist that pay generous tax-free income. The vision still persists among the present crop of expatriate workforce of making the most while the going is good. But there is another side of the coin of this seemingly 'rosy' life of an expatriate. While economic opportunities for a foreign worker is certainly a lot better than back home, there is a high price to pay in other respects. Today, both the professional and working class expatriate workers are confronted with a host of problems in the course of their transient sojourn to make quick money.

For the last six years in Bahrain a unique international social organisation has been performing a noble task in trying to understand and to an extent help expatriates with their various problems. BEFRIENDERS INT, a British institution affiliated to the Samaritans, was set up in the island in 1983 as a voluntary, non-profitable, non-religious organisation with the aim to provide a "listening service" for expatriates who suffer problems of all kinds here.

Judi, head of BEFRIENDERS INT in Bahrain in an exclusive interview with the Arab Times explained the role of her organisation in the island.

"We are basically a listening service. People with various problems call us up and we listen to a patient and sympathetic ear. We are an expatriate concern for expatriates, although we do welcome calls from nationals as well. We don't judge people who call us with their problem. We suggest help and give advice only if asked."

According to Judi, in the early days of Befrienders operation in Bahrain most of the callers were Indians, including a large number of men, followed by Sri Lankans, Mauritians, other Arabs and in recent times Filipinos, including housemaids.

Loneliness is the most common of the problems faced by expatriates in general. This leads to chronic depression and in extreme cases suicidal tendencies. Men, usually Asian construction workers, find themselves away from their families for several years at a stretch. The situation is further aggravated by inadequate income and inability to send money home regularly. Long hard working hours, financial insecurity and lack of any social life make it a miserable existence for this lot, explained Judi.

Last resort

Potential suicide victims, though few, call Befrienders as a last resort for various reasons, said Judi. These come under distressed or silent callers who are hesitant to talk at first.

"These people are initially reluctant to talk about their problems and sometimes hang up immediately after dialling. We try to explore their feelings and get them to talk openly about their depression. Most of them usually feel good after talking to us. But we never try to stop a person from taking his or her life, if we are not asked to help. It is not our job to do this. We do not infringe upon somebody's right of doing what he or she wants."

Unemployment is another serious problem faced by a lot of expatriates. This group comes under 'legal callers' who seek help on problems related to release letter, broken job contracts and labour laws.

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The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory — Cicero, Roman scholar (106 B.C. - 43 B.C.)

Bush rebuffed over Cambodia

By Leon Daniel

CONGRESSIONAL opposition evidently has thwarted a Bush administration scheme to bankroll a covert Central Intelligence Agency operation to arm non-communist guerrillas in Cambodia.

In a major setback for the President, Congress balked at providing an estimated \$20 million for rifles and other weapons for forces battling the communist government of Hun Sen, installed in Phnom Penh by Vietnam.

The administration had hoped to bolster factions headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann, a former prime minister, before Vietnam pulls its last troops out of Cambodia by Sept 30.

The primary aim of its policy was to prevent the return to power of the Khmer Rouge, whose brutal three-year reign was ended in 1978 by invading Vietnamese forces after at least one million Cambodians were murdered.

But lawmakers, haunted by the bitter American experience in Indochina, thwarted the administration's scheme, objecting particularly to its secrecy.

Senator Robert Byrd, a Democrat from West Virginia, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, put it this way:

"Surely we have learned from our experience in Vietnam, if nothing else, that if we are to succeed in a new policy toward that region, it cannot be achieved through secret policy-making, secret military programmes, secret arms transfers or secret deals."

Bush signed an intelligence 'finding' late last month authorising the secret operation but Congress balked at funding it.

Administration sources said they did not want to acknowledge the operation publicly because it could embarrass Thailand, which was to have been the conduit for the arms for the Cambodian guerrillas.

But critics of the administration's plan accused the president of trying to avoid public debate on a controversial foreign policy by designating it a covert operation.

The administration pushed for congressional funding for its scheme even after the mercurial Sihanouk said he did not need weapons. After meeting with Hun Sen to discuss establishing an interim regime, the prince said he needed humanitarian aid, not arms.

The best reason not to send American weaponry into Cambodia is that there is a good chance much of it would end up in the hands of the Khmer Rouge, the mass murderers who are much more dangerous than the current Phnom Penh government.

The Khmer Rouge still is in a shaky coalition with the forces of Sihanouk and Son Sann.

The Hun Sen government, which has Moscow's support, has indicated a willingness to share power with the 67-year-old prince, who would return home from China this fall and again become head of state.

The United States should use its influence to persuade Beijing not to continue bankrolling the 35,000 armed and dangerous Khmer Rouge guerrillas who have the support of about 10 per cent of the populace.

It should refrain from sending arms to Sihanouk's Army of 13,000 and Son Sann's 12,000 soldiers. Anyway, it is doubtful the weapons could arrive before the Vietnamese are gone.

It would be tragic if American arms are used by Cambodians against Cambodians.

Radical right threat to West German equilibrium

By Mark Heinrich

THE sudden rise of the far-right Republican Party is challenging the principle of governing from the centre, a hallowed rule of stable politics in West Germany.

The Republicans' sweep of seven per cent of West German votes in Sunday's European parliament elections threatens to undermine the slim centre-right majority in power here since 1982.

To the alarm of Bonn's governing mainstream, the appeal of the radical right is not only eroding the constituency of chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

It is also eclipsing Kohl's coalition partner, the Free Democrats (FDP), as the most popular small party to the right of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD).

Despite the CDU's heavy losses in the European voting, Kohl has loudly and decisively ruled out any coalition with the far right after general elections in December 1990.

But the rightist surge, feeding on growing hostility to immigrants and unease over the abolition of European Community (EC) borders in 1992, is raising concern that stable moderate majorities in Bonn may have a limited future.

The rise of the radical right has left both the government's CDU/FDP coalition and the combined opposition of SPD and Greens unable to muster more than 45 per cent of the national vote.

"The development feared by all sides has now taken hold: a five-party system," the respected Frankfurter Allgemeine daily warned in an editorial on Tuesday.

"If people vote in the 1990 general elections as they did (for the European parliament), then we will be faced with a structural inability to form a majority," it said.

That would be a nerve-racking prospect for a nation that remembers how the mushrooming of small extremist parties helped undermine the 1920s Weimar republic democracy and open the door to Nazi dictatorship.

Governing from the centre became almost an end in itself in the new post-war West German state out of a need to live down the Nazi past, which made the public wary of radical appeals.

The CDU played on this fear when a senior party official told a European election rally in early June: "Please don't repeat the mistake that the Germans already made in this century. Don't vote radical, vote for the political centre."

But temptation to consider alliances with the Republicans is emerging among Kohl's own forces.

This reflects desperation over a long electoral slump that might be irreversible before the 1990 elections.

After the European election debacle a debate erupted within the Christian Social Union (CSU), the CDU's Bavarian wing, over whether linking up with the Republicans might be preferable.

(Reuter — Bonn).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1533 — Ferdinand of Austria and Sultan Suleiman I of Turkey sign peace treaty.
1543 — England's King Henry VIII issues ultimatum to France, serving as declaration of war.
1636 — French and Savoy forces defeat Spanish at Tornavento, Italy, but Savoy refuses to march on Milan and advantage is lost.
1826 — Pan-American congress meets in Panama under influence of Simon Bolivar in effort to unite American republics.
1894 — Dahomey is proclaimed a French colony.
1941 — Germany invades Soviet Union in World War II.
1957 — Three British subjects are sentenced to imprisonment in Cairo, Egypt, espionage trial.
1969 — South Yemen's President Ali Shabbi is overthrown and replaced by five-man presidential council.
1972 — Irish Republican Army's provisional wing announces conditional ceasefire in Northern Ireland conflict.
1973 — Skylab 1 astronauts return safely to earth after record 28 days aboard first US orbiting space station.
1974 — United States assures Israel it has no plans to sell weapons to either Egypt or Syria.
1988 — Fire rages through tent city housing about 5,000 Coptic Christian pilgrims outside historic monastery, killing 47 people — most of them children.

Afghans yearn for political settlement

Najibullah presents new image of self, party

By Sharon Herbaugh

PRESIDENT Najib is trying to build a new image for himself and his government. But he faces an ambitious task: convincing the world that the image of brutality and repression no longer fits.

The government now repudiates almost everything for which the 1978 revolution originally stood. Najib denies that he or his closest associates in the ruling Politburo are Marxist now — or that they ever were.

He talks about subjects once taboo — the "big mistake" made before he assumed power in May 1986: "half-baked" land and education reform policies launched by his predecessors.

"During the past 11 years, the revolution has traversed a difficult, complicated and dangerous path with shortcomings, haste and hurry," he said in an interview. "We have learned big lessons of history. The passage of time is a great teacher."

Since the last Soviet troops left Afghanistan on Feb 15, Najib has adopted a position that at times sounds as though he would be willing to hand over power and leave his People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan with only a slim guarantee of existence.

Tired but tough and at times defiant, Najib says he only seeks the "16th seat" at the negotiating table, next to the seven mujahedeen groups based in Pakistan and eight in Iran that are trying to topple his government.

He says he's ready to negotiate with the Muslim mujahedeen — through intermediaries if he's not acceptable — any place, any time and on any terms.

But the mujahedeen leaders and their main supporters — the United States and Pakistan — say Najib and key members of his government must go before they talk peace. They contend the government trampled on ancient social and religious traditions and created chaos by opening the way for the Soviet military intervention in December 1979.

Najib, 43, says he would resign if necessary but insists that would not end the conflict that already has claimed more than 1.3 million lives, destroyed thousands of villages and forced five million people — one-third of the population — into exile.

"The departure of a personality or force will not solve Afghanistan's problems. That can only be done by sitting down at the table and talking," he said.

His appeals at times exhibit an air of



Afghanistan President Najibullah accepts a bouquet from a young Afghan girl.

desperation, but most diplomats in Kabul doubt his government is on the verge of collapse. On the contrary, they say, Najib's departure could mean that any coalition government would not survive because neither members of his party nor the mujahedeen leaders have his power and authority.

The government has been bolstered by a massive Soviet airlift of arms and ammunition that continues despite the troop withdrawal. Moscow has vowed to stand by its southern neighbour.

Najib's soldiers also have been strong.

here. And a year from now, we'll still be here."

With the Soviet troops gone, Afghans are yearning for a political settlement that would end the hardships caused by the protracted war.

Long lines form daily outside bakeries and gasoline stations. Meat and vegetable prices have skyrocketed as high as 10 times last year's costs. Inflation is running at 215 per cent. Wages have been frozen.

Iran and China, which also backed the mujahedeen, are moving toward a

negotiated settlement. And US allies Egypt and Turkey have written diplomatic cables questioning Washington's policy in Afghanistan. They say the mujahedeen lack the battlefield prowess to defeat government troops and are so divided they would be unable to form a stable government.

But the United States says the Kabul government disqualified itself from talks about Afghanistan's future with the terror and destruction carried out at its behest.

Rebel leaders say at least 75,000 people have been killed by Khad, the Soviet-style secret police, since the Marxists seized power on April 27, 1978.

Najib headed Khad for six years before he was picked in May 1986 to succeed Babrak Karmal, now believed to be living in the Soviet Union.

"I see no reason to rehash the past," he replied when asked about Khad activities. "George Bush once headed a similar organisation (the CIA), and now he's the President of the United States."

But Najib's government has started to speak about terror inflicted against its opponents.

Most of the criticism has been confined to 1978-79, when Najib was ambassador to Iran and was not involved in the worst excesses. Power was held by Nur Mohammad Taraki, who was smothered with a pillow in an internal party feud in September 1979, and successor Hafizullah Amin, assassinated shortly after the Soviet troops arrived.

Government officials say only about 1,000 political prisoners remain in Pol-e-Charki prison outside Kabul. They say executions, except those ordered by the courts, have stopped.

The mujahedeen, however, contend there are still 12,000 to 15,000 political prisoners, a figure accepted by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"There have been improvements in the situation. We're not saying we never made mistakes," says Najmuddin Kawyani, a politburo member and secretary of the central committee.

"Prison is not a good thing for anyone," said Kawyani, who was jailed briefly with Najib for throwing stones at former US vice-president Spiro Agnew's car during a 1969 visit and then for 16 months during Amin's reign.

However, he argues, the mujahedeen were equally as guilty of atrocities, killing civil servants and government soldiers who tried to switch sides but were suspected of being informants.

(Afghanistan — AP)

Hardline military commanders appointed

Israel to intensify military assault on intifada

By Paul Taylor

ISRAEL'S change of military commanders, announced this week, is expected to signal a tougher assault on the Palestinian uprising, security sources say.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, under fire from rightists in his own Likud Party and hounded by angry Jewish settlers, has made clear that repression is the order of the day.

"We will uproot this violence with an iron fist," Shamir promised Tel Aviv industrialists on Monday.

Although the Army has repeatedly told politicians there is no military solution to the uprising, in which more than 520 Arabs and 21 Jews have died, Israeli leaders seem determined to make it soldiers' try harder.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin named hardliner Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai, 44, to head central command in charge of the occupied West

Bank, and former paratrooper Major-General Matan Vilnai, 45, to southern command, including the Gaza Strip.

The reshuffle, to take place in August, marks the departure of central commander Major-General Amram Mitzna, an avowed liberal blamed by right-wingers and settlers for failing to crush the 18-month-old Arab revolt.

"Mordechai will be pushed to take a tougher policy. Everybody expects it of him," a senior security source said.

Rabin has asked the Justice Ministry and attorney-general to find legal ways to deport Palestinian activists within 72 hours or a week instead of awaiting lengthy appeal proceedings.

He also wants to double the maximum period of imprisonment without trial to 12 months and abolish the right of appeal against house demolitions.

Justice Minister Dan Meridor told parliament on Tuesday: "We are discussing trials, punishment and administrative steps that we would not like to use because they do not normally befit a democratic society."

But a democratic society that is fighting for its right to exist is entitled to use measures such as administrative detention, deportation and demolition of homes."

Security sources say the departure of Mitzna, said by aides to have wrestled with a liberal conscience, should hasten tougher measures.

Controversial

His signature was on some of the most controversial orders of the uprising, including the widely criticised closure of West Bank schools. But military sources say the policy was Rabin's.

"He can influence a decision like closing the schools, but Rabin takes the decision," an aide said.

Raised in Israel's socialist Kibbutz

movement, twice wounded in wars as a combat commander, Mitzna hated having to fight Palestinian women and children in the West Bank.

"It's not black and white. You are not fighting an armed enemy. It was very hard for him emotionally, but I never saw him depressed," the aide said.

Charge

Mordechai is not known to be plagued by self-doubt. He projects a robust self-confidence and has not hesitated to use prolonged punitive curfews, beatings and plastic bullets to combat unrest in Gaza, which he regards as a war.

His tactics have been no more successful than Mitzna's, but they are more in tune with Israeli leaders' current thinking.

Palestinians view the change of command with apprehension but an unbroken spirit.

"I know it is not Mitzna who takes

charge or Mordechai. It is the occupation," said East Jerusalem nationalist leader Faisal Husseini. "... I know it will fail. The intifada (uprising) will not be suppressed and the Israeli government will have to speak with the Palestinian people."

Mitzna fell foul of the 70,000 Jewish West Bank settlers, who accuse the Army of failing to protect them against Arab stone-throwers and are increasingly resorting to vigilante actions. Mordechai will at least start with their goodwill.

Israeli commentators say Mordechai may use tougher methods, but he will face the same constraints.

"Above all, he too, will pursue his task amid the constraints imposed on an Army of a democratic society, and on an Army that knows how to distinguish between the uses of violence and the politics of conflict resolution," the Jerusalem Post said in an editorial.

(Reuter — Occupied Jerusalem)

... Where war is a way of life

Rebel-held Eritrea

By Eric Onstad

SPENT artillery shells spell profit. Eritrean trader Ali Mohamed said as he patiently hammers them into shovels, axes and cooking pots on the main street of rebel-held Afabet, in Ethiopia.

He is one of more than a million people in rebel-occupied areas of Ethiopia's province of Eritrea for whom a 28-year-old war of independence has become just another part of everyday life.

His matter-of-fact acceptance is far from unique. Two days drive away, in the Solomuna camp for the displaced, Akberet Debesay, 40, has managed over the past eight years to transform a makeshift tent into a cosy home.

She gets relief supplies and so pays no money when she goes shopping, and the government's MiGs rarely venture the 150 km (90 miles) from the war front to her camp any more.

But when Akberet visits her two children, who have recently moved away, she travels at night to avoid air raids.

"We accept this way of life. I am used to this condition," Akberet said, as the sun streamed through the multi-coloured patchwork of her tent.

In rebel-held parts of Eritrea, a strip of arid mountains and lowland desert along the Red Sea, factories and repair garages are tucked underground and rooftops are always covered with heaps of leaves and branches for camouflage.

War makes small-time smugglers into big-time businessmen. It forces the rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) to thrive in an underground and virtually cashless society.

But business still gets done.

"Merchants go on trading even if there is very fierce fighting in a locality. The profit motive is very strong," said Tadesse Yohannes, de facto EPLF minister of commerce.

Tadesse's work has mushroomed because rebel victories in the past 15 months have brought thousands of people under rebel administration.

His commerce commission works to assure supply of a wide variety of affordable goods.

Rebel trade experts like Tadesse encourage businessmen to sneak in top-heavy truckloads of goods from Sudan and boatloads of cargo from Saudi Arabia and North Yemen to the areas of northern

and western Eritrea under rebel control.

Ahmed Osman, for instance, started as a modest smuggler but with EPLF backing has become an import-export dealer with a capital of two million Sudanese pounds (\$170,000).

A year after rebels began fighting in 1961, Osman became a teenage smuggler operating from his home town near the government-held port of Massawa.

Ever since, Osman, 42, has slowly collected capital. Last year, his business ballooned when he followed the EPLF into Afabet and began supplying hundreds of shop owners suddenly cut off from wholesalers on the other side of a heavily-armed, 200-mile (300-km) line of trenches.

Osman took out an EPLF import-export licence and agreed to place all his capital in a bank run by the guerrillas.

In January, the EPLF loaded 10 of its lorries with a shipment of sugar, coffee, soap, shoes, veils and other consumer goods and transported it for Osman through rebel territory.

Merchants brought mules and camels to carry their orders of Osman's goods over craggy hillsides and barren canyons to shops.

EPLF members, however, rarely visit merchants because they almost never use cash.

The EPLF is no longer strictly marxist but pressures of survival have made possible an unlikely classless — and virtually cashless — society.

Thousands of non-military EPLF members labour in factories, build roads and drill wells under the supervision of dozens of ministries, commissions and departments.

No one gets a salary but all get basic necessities.

Everyone, from leaders to workers, wear utilitarian plastic sandals made in a rebel factory. Transport on EPLF buses is free as is medical care and even repairs of radios, cassette players and watches.

Rebel drivers use vouchers when they fill up with petrol at an EPLF chain of camouflaged gas pumps.

"It's egalitarian, it is a cashless society, but it's an abnormal society, it is not natural," said Gabremichael Mengistu, field co-ordinator for the rebel's aid wing, the Eritrean Relief Society (ERA).

Some EPLF soldiers have never known peace, only a conflict which has claimed about a quarter of a million lives and left thousands crippled.

China's isolation ending

Foreign contacts, a necessity

By Kathy Wilhelm

CHINESE leaders, inheritors of a 2,000-year tradition of insularity and self-sufficiency, have responded disdainfully to foreign criticism of their crack-down on protesters.

But in today's interconnected world, the opinions of outsiders are increasingly important, even for China.

For 2,000 years, China had a tradition of insularity, buttressed by confidence in its own moral rightness. Its leaders long assumed a vast gulf between their nation, which is known in Chinese as the "central country," and other nations, which were considered uncivilised. Economic self-sufficiency enabled China maintain this view of the world, while the limits of communication kept most Chinese ignorant about life beyond their borders.

But China no longer is self-sufficient, and foreign opinion cannot be blocked out.

Foreign investment and technology are key to its economic development plans and China has come to rely on some imports. Even while denouncing the United States for sheltering a leading dissident in its Beijing embassy, China was importing extra tons of US wheat to make up for its own poor harvest. Foreign radio broadcasts bring foreign news and opinion to millions of Chinese homes.

Since reform leader Deng Xiaoping began economic reforms a decade ago, nearly 10,000 foreign companies have set up joint ventures in China with a total investment of \$12 billion. Many manufacture goods for export, generating hard currency China needs for its modernisation.

Chinese leaders have said repeatedly since the Army attacked porters on June 3 and 4, killing hundreds and possibly thousands, that they want and expect foreign countries to continue trade and investment. But they also have reiterated they will not accept foreign criticism of the bloody crack-down.

"We hope that all countries that wish to keep and develop friendly relations with China will take a long-term view and avoid doing anything to hurt the feelings of the Chinese people," Premier Li Peng told top party officials in a recent speech.

Government spokesman Yuan Mu was blunter, telling a news conference: "We are not spineless

people. We are not afraid ... (of) condemnation or sanction."

China has gotten both. The United States cut off military sales and contacts. France and the Netherlands froze relations. Japan, China's largest single-country source of aid, put off new development assistance loans. Canada and France temporarily withdrew their ambassadors. Several countries cancelled planned high-level official exchanges.

It is not the first time foreign governments have criticised Deng's policies. The US Congress has passed repeated resolutions criticising China for opening fire on Tibetan pro-independence protesters over the past two years.

However, it is the first time condemnation of China has been so nearly universal. Even Hungary's communist government expressed outrage and the Soviet parliament urged "wisdom, reason and a weighted approach." Only East Germany and North Korea came to China's defence.

It also is the first time that criticism has been backed up by action.

A speech Deng gave in 1987 indicates he may not have expected that. Referring in the speech to the last large-scale arrests of pro-democracy activists, in 1979, he said China suffered no "discredit" from those events.

"On the contrary, the prestige of the country is steadily growing," he said.

China also has emerged unscathed from controversies over its foreign policy, such as its support of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, who killed an estimated one million of their countrymen. It also suffered no sanctions over its arms sales to Iran.

The decision of the top government spokesman, Yuan Mu, to give a rare interview to the American NBC television network last week may have been an effort to counter the avalanche of foreign condemnation.

In it, he reiterated the government's position that the Army fired on the crowds only after provocation. He condemned foreign news reports as distortions, and suggested that even foreign film of the killing was fabricated.

(Beijing — AP)

MIDEAST

Israeli leader warns of war among Jews

Shamir pleads for unity

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 21, (Reuters): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned Israelis today against allowing their differences over the Palestinian uprising to escalate into civil war. As Israeli forces pursued operations against Palestinian opponents in Lebanon and the occupied territories, Shamir condemned Jewish settlers who stoned and shot at Arabs near Tel Aviv yesterday after burying a comrade killed by Palestinians.

The shooting incident occurred after angry settlers booed and shouted down Shamir with chants of "traitor, traitor" and called for "revenge" when he tried to eulogize a US-born settler slain Saturday in the occupied West Bank.

"We must prevent these deeds, they only strengthen the other side, the extremists among the Arabs," said Shamir.

Asked about a warning by Israel's national police chief that Jews could fight Jews in a civil war, Shamir in an interview on Israel Radio, replied: "All must be done to prevent such a war taking place. God forbid. It is the most dangerous thing that could happen."

The mourners, among 70,000 Jews who have settled in the occupied West Bank, accused Shamir of treachery for his proposal that Palestinians elect representatives for peace talks with Israel.

Police today began an investigation into the funeral violence. Riot police and troops had to form a protective wedge to help Shamir through the seething crowd, and mourners banged on his car as it drove off.

Shamir called his treatment a disgrace and said the display of "divisive hysteria" made him worry about Israel's fate.

"I believe our only hope is to stand on complete national unity... I would suggest to everyone to lower the profile of the internal disagreements, because if the profile rises you can quickly slide into irresponsible deeds."

But he said only a small number of settlers were involved in disturbances and most dissociated themselves from such acts.

"Don't forget this outburst was by a tiny handful of people and it must not be turned into some sort of all-out war."

President Chaim Herzog also condemned the settlers' attacks on Palestinians, saying they undermined the democratic basis of the Israeli state and encouraged extremism on both sides.

Jewish settlers have increasingly sided with Ariel Sharon, Shamir's leading rival in the Likud Party, who has rejected the peace plan for elections to choose Palestinian negotiators.

Sharon says peace moves should not be considered before the 18-month-old uprising has been forcibly crushed.

Military sources and Palestinians said a suspected Arab collaborator was shot dead today in the West Bank town of Nablus, taking the number of Arab dead in the uprising to 523.

At least 45 were killed by fellow Palestinians on suspicion of helping Israeli security forces.

According to the Israel Information Centre for Human Rights, Jewish settlers have killed 20 Arabs during the uprising. West Bank settler Friedrich Rosenfeld was the 21st Jew to die.

Palestinians reported scattered clashes between troops and demonstrators in the West Bank districts of Ramallah and Nablus today.

In the Gaza Strip, hospitals reported three Palestinians were wounded by Army gunfire and an 18-year-old girl from Khan Younis was severely injured by beating.

Jordan has turned down an Israeli proposal for holding preparatory talks between a joint Jordanian-Egyptian-Palestinian delegation and Israel to organize elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, press reports said today.

The Kuwait daily Al Qabas, in a dispatch from Paris, quoted well informed Western diplomatic sources as saying that the Israeli government had voiced its proposal to the American administration and Cairo.

They said that the secret Israeli proposal stipulates involving representatives of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the joint delegation for talks on the election plan.

Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said today that he would discuss Israel's detention of thousands of Palestinians during his visit to Jerusalem.

Speaking of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), Ramadan said it was "started as an Iraqi-Jordanian dialogue and expanded" to include North Yemen and Egypt.

And although Egypt-Syria and Egypt-Libya unity efforts failed, "we have benefited from these experiences," Ramadan said, adding it was "reasonable" that economic co-operation is high on the ACC's agenda.

"We will develop common markets and (ultimately) a treaty of joint defence and co-ordination," as well as links in education, scientific research, communications and other fields, the senior Iraqi official explained.

Also, there would eventually be open borders to "assist unrestricted travel."

US to continue aid to Arab friends

WASHINGTON, June 21, (KUNA): US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence Edward Gnehm pledged here Monday that the Bush administration "will continue to support requests for legitimate defence assistance from our friends in the moderate Arab states."

Although he expressed US concern over the proliferation of modern weapons systems to the Gulf, the Pentagon official emphasised that "our friends in the Gulf do have legitimate defence requirements, and more often than not, seek US assistance in fulfilling them."

Addressing an afternoon panel on the Gulf and its security and its economic prospects during the annual convention of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), the senior defence official also outlined the policy of the Bush administration towards the Gulf region.

According to Gnehm, the United States "opposes any attempt by any state in the region to impose a hegemony—to dominate the region to the exclusion of others."

He reiterated well-known American positions that the "continuing, unrestricted flow of oil and freedom of navigation in this region is vital to our national interests... and the US will do whatever is necessary to protect that."

The Pentagon official emphasised that "this includes protecting US property and the property of our friends, ensuring the freedom of navigation is not curtailed by any power in the region, and that we will do everything possible to bring stability to the Gulf and work towards a just and fair settlement of the Iran-Iraq war."

Discussing the US policy towards Iran and Iraq, Gnehm said the US "recognises both governments and we do not support the overthrow of any legitimate government."

He added, "with respect to US relations with Iran, we feel frankly that the ball is in their court and until they work to assist freeing the hostages in Lebanon and change their position on state-supported terrorism, there will be little movement in normalising our relations."

If there has been one single, positive aspect of the Iran-Iraq war, it has been to make both Americans and Arabs realise that we have many similar goals and objectives which can be pursued without adversely affecting the interests of the other," Gnehm said.

The move came after Syria and Libya both dropped their objections. Syria earlier asserted that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's presence at the meeting was a positive development.

Egypt's membership in Arab organisations was suspended after it signed a peace treaty with Israel.

State-run television showed Assad embracing the head of the Egyptian Bar Association, Ahmed Al Khawaja, at the conference.

"We are here in our country, we are home... we are among our brothers," said Al Khawaja, who headed a delegation of more than 300 Egyptian lawyers attending the meeting.

HAUSER, who heads the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East and is a member of the advisory panel on international law for the State Department, made her predictions during a major address to the ongoing three-day annual convention of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA).

But Hauser, who is also a member of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) warned that for agreement on elections to take place and in order to avoid escalation of the conflict by extremists and hardliners on both sides, it is imperative now that the Bush administration gets involved "with more energy and urgency."

"The US government—as I have told them many times—must take this process and bring it to a higher level of urgency and immediacy," the American academic asserted. "The US is too cautious now and we ought to be moving this process more quickly."

A North American seminar on the question of Palestine also urged the US to continue contacts with the PLO.

The two-day seminar also expressed grave concern at the continued human rights violations in the occupied territories.

The panel expressed regret that the US had recently prevented the Security Council from taking action indispensable to ensuring the safety of Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The panelists called Monday on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the president of the Security Council to request Israel to rescind its order for the deportation of Palestinians from the territories and to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention with regards to any future deportations of residents of the territories.

The NAAA, in what may be that lobby organisation's most effective effort to date, yesterday announced a major campaign aimed at getting Israel to reopen Palestinian schools.

The NAAA declared at a luncheon in the US Congress its intention to press politicians to actively oppose the Israeli school-closing practice.

While the effort is new, one congressional resolution (H. Con. 124) already is calling for "immediate steps to reopen" the schools. The NAAA hailed the introduction of the measure.

UN and other estimates show Israel has closed some 1,200 elementary, secondary and high schools as well as the Palestinian universities. About 300,000 children and 18,300 university students have been affected.

APU blames Tehran

ABU DHABI, June 21, (AP): The Arab Parliamentary Union has denounced Iran and accused it of hindering peace efforts in the Gulf, despite reservations registered by Syria and Libya.

"We denounce unobjective methods and claims used by the Iranian side in dealing with United Nations Security Council Resolution 598, as these methods would hinder peace efforts and negotiations and affirm that the Iranian side does not want to implement the resolution," said an APU communique, issued yesterday at the end of its fifth conference here.

The decision was approved after a heated debate between the Iraqi delegation which presented the proposed resolution and the Syrian side supported by the Libyan. Damascus and Tripoli were the two Arab countries that allied themselves with Iran against Iraq during the eight-year Gulf war.

Iran last July 18 accepted Resolution 598 as basis for a peace settlement, and the ceasefire went into effect Aug 20. But negotiations between the two sides under UN auspices for full implementation of the resolution and a peace pact deadlocked.

The APU condemnation of Iran as the party responsible for the stalemate is the first such wide-scale Arab criticism since the new Iranian leadership took over earlier in the month after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The three-day APU conference, attended by 16 Arab parliamentary bodies, also denounced what was termed as "inhuman, uncivilised and illegal" practices of the Iranian side against Iraqi war prisoners.

A member of the Iraqi delegation said that during a heated debate on the Gulf issue which delayed the conclusion session for two hours, Syrian delegates "were rejecting the Iraqi resolution just for the sake of rejection. They had no solid argument."

The Iraqis managed to get their strong resolution approved by the APU with only minor changes, due to the support they received from other Arab delegates. Syria and Libya ended up only registering reservations.

Hardliner

Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai will take over the post of commander of Israeli-occupied West Bank. Mordechai, known as a hardliner, succeeds Major-General Amram Mitzna, an avowed liberal.

Militants arrested

TUNIS, June 21, (Reuters): Tunisian police have detained without charge at least five Islamic militants in the northern suburbs of Tunis, their families and officials of the Islamic movement said yesterday.

They said the five men were picked up from a house in the Nasser quarter last Wednesday and are now in prison at Ariana, a town on the edge of Tunis.

Libyan influence

TUNIS, June 21, (Reuters): A group of Tunisians has set up a Libyan-style revolutionary committee movement and applied to the government for recognition as a political party, the Tunis newspapers said today.

The movement, which follows Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi's Jamahiriya theory of direct democracy, could pose a problem for the Tunisian government, which is anxious to prevent a Libyan-style Islamic revolution in its affairs without upsetting Khaddafi.

Khomeini will

NICOSIA, June 21, (AP): An Iranian daily said the will of Ayatollah Khomeini, released for most of the world's major languages, will be the world's major language of the Islamic Republic. News Agency reported today.

The government-run Kayhan International said in an editorial yesterday that the will was important not only to Islamic states but to "the entire oppressed peoples of the world, regardless of their religion or nationality," reported IRNA.

Crackdown

NICOSIA, June 21, (AP): An Iranian official warned today that an anti-narcotics campaign, in which 743 drug traffickers have been executed since December, shall continue with force until the scourge has been wiped out. Tehran Radio reported.

Socialist Congress

STOCKHOLM, June 21, (Reuters): The Swedish government met delegates from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) at the Congress of the Socialist International in Stockholm today to try to make progress on Middle East peace negotiations.

"Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson met the leader of the PLO's delegation very late last night," a PLO spokesman said.

Refugees pour in

KHARTOUM, June 21, (Reuters): Hungry refugees are pouring into a southern Sudanese town, outnumbering local tribesmen who are increasingly attacking the newcomers, relief workers said today.

Despite UN relief efforts, up to 100 severely malnourished people struggle into Muglad 750 km (470 miles) south of Khartoum every day after a harrowing trek from hunger and civil war further south.

Muglad has 20,000 refugees in a camp run by the Irish charity concern

the number of arrivals has risen in recent weeks, the aid workers said.

Rebels reject talks

NAIROBI, June 21, (Reuters): Rebels in northern Somalia today threw out President Mohamed Siad Barre's tentative proposals for talks to introduce a multi-party political system in this impoverished East African country.

The rebel Somali National Movement (SNM) said in a statement from London: "The SNM shall not have any dialogue with the Siad Barre regime, nor with any group associated with it."

Any call for co-operation, meeting or a forum on the future of the Somalis shall always exclude the Siad junta," it said.

Leader dies

DAKAR, June 21, (Reuters): The leader of Senegal's most influential Islamic Brotherhood has died, Dakar radio reported.

The broadcast said Serigne Abdou Ahada, 75, died on Monday and was buried in the holy town of Touba — the stronghold of his brotherhood, the Mouride.

Sahara peace talks

RABAT, June 21, (Reuters): United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar left Morocco yesterday voicing optimism about prospects for peace in Western Sahara.

"I am very encouraged because I have been able to confirm the Moroccan desire to find a solution," he told journalists at Rabat airport.

Rebels loot train

KHARTOUM, June 21, (Reuters): Rebel soldiers twice stopped a United Nations train taking food to famine-stricken south Sudan and let hundreds of hungry people loot it, diplomats and relief officials said yesterday.

They said the UN, which in April began a major aid operation called Lifeline Sudan, planned to protest strongly to the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) about the looting on Sunday, in which some 450 tonnes of food was stolen.

Soviets offer help in crisis

Lebanese peace sought

WASHINGTON, June 21, (KUNA): US Secretary of State James Baker disclosed here that the Soviet Union has pledged to use its influence with Syria to facilitate a solution to the Lebanese conflict and that Moscow has reaffirmed its desire to resolve the problem "peacefully."

Responding to a question posed by Senator Paul Simon on Lebanon during a testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Baker said yesterday American concerns about Lebanon have been transmitted to the Syrians through the Soviet Union and other Arab countries.

"We can do a fair amount — through others," Baker emphasised. "And we have communicated our concerns in this regard. We have spoken to the Soviets about this. We have spoken to any number of Arab countries about this problem... and we believe that the message is getting through," Baker said.

He was discussing Christian complaints of the Syrian blockade of Christian areas of Lebanon which prevents food and other supplies from getting through.

The US secretary of state reiterated that the Bush administration "strongly supports the Arab League's initiative in Lebanon, and we are, of course,

calling upon all sides for a ceasefire and for the withdrawal of all foreign forces."

When he was in Moscow in May, Baker discussed the Lebanese question with both Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and with Baker's Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze.

"We concluded from those meetings that the Soviets would, in fact, try and be helpful to the extent that they could with Syria, and of course, they have more influence there than we do."

Baker said he is convinced that "they (the Soviets) are genuinely interested in resolving that issue — the issue of Lebanon — peacefully. And we think that they have, in fact, communicated with the Syrians about this. We hope they have because they indicated to us that they would."

Baker also discussed the US-Soviet discussions on the question of elections in the occupied territories.

"We were quite heartened by the fact that after our meetings in Moscow, Shevardnadze said that he felt that the elections proposal was worthy of consideration. Therefore, the Soviets had been pretty well-wedded to the international conference approach solely."

ACC a result of Iraq's efforts to forge unity

WASHINGTON, June 21, (KUNA): Iraq has no ambitions in the region other than sponsoring efforts at Arab unity, senior Baath Party official Taha Yasin Ramadan said in an interview.

Ramadan, who also is Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister and head of the Peoples' Army, made his remarks in an interview with "Middle East Insight" magazine.

He said the "Arab unity" concept was prompted largely by "the necessity for finding a formula for relations (with neighbours) in the aftermath of the war" with Iran.

Although Iraq has abundant oil and other natural resources, the eight-year Gulf war placed massive economic burdens on its infrastructure.

Victim of terror

A wounded Arab in serious condition after being shot. Police arrested a Jewish settler who shot and wounded two Arab road workers as he drove through a busy Tel Aviv highway junction yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Shamir is heckled by settlers as a 'traitor'. (Reuters wirephoto)

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No return

A Soviet soldier in Afghan dress (left) turns away from two members of a Soviet delegation seeking release of Soviet prisoners of war on Wednesday in Peshawar. The Afghan rebels presented the

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Rebel siege broken: Kabul

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Rebel sources in Pakistan, where the mujahedeen are based, denied that the bloodiest battle in the decade-long war was over.

There was no way to independently verify the claims by either side.

Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar province and once the country's fifth largest city, has been under rocket and artillery bombardment since March 7.

"We have conquered Jalalabad from the opponents," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amami, quoting the province's military commander, Gen. Asif Delawar.

Azim Nasser-Zia, spokesman for the rebel moderate National Islamic Front of Afghanistan, said the communist government's claim was false.

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KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.30 Cartoons
 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
 10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabic serial (Part 3)
 11.00 Sabah Al Khair: news and variety
 11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 5)
 12.05 Local variety programme
 1.00 News summary
 1.30 Flouna: cartoon serial
 2.00 Variety show
 2.15 Inara'a La Taaref Al Ya's: Arabic serial (Part 3)
 3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme
 3.30 Cartoon serial
 4.00 Al Dhahiya: Arabic local feature, starring: Ghannem Al Saleh, Ibrahim Al Salal, Mohammed Al Mai
 6.00 Cartoons
 7.00 Variety show
 7.30 Al Bahth Aan Al Mughamara: Looking for Adventure
 8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: Religious programme
 9.00 News in Arabic
 10.00 Illi Ma'a Qursh: daily Arabic serial (last episode)
 10.45 Sahab Al Amara: Arabic feature film, starring: Yahya Shaheen, Foad Al Muhandes, Tahiya Karyooka
 12.15 Akhtarna Lakom
 1.15 News summary
 1.20 The World News via Satellite
 1.45 Holy Quran/Closedown
- FRIDAY**
 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.15 Cartoons
 10.15 Children magazine
 10.45 Religious programme
 11.15 Friday prayer
 12.30 Variety programme

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from 'Blue Blood' on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm on Friday.

- 1.00 News in brief
 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
 1.30 Friday meeting
 4.00 Arabic feature film: Sawt Al Hub (Sound of Love), starring: Warda Al Jazairiya, Hasan Yousef
 7.00 Kuwait in a Week
 8.00 Family programme
 8.45 Hadees Deeni: weekly talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
 9.00 News in Arabic
 10.00 Wrestling programme
 10.45 'Word' with guest artist Ezzat Al Alayeli
 12.00 News in brief
 12.05 The World Today via Satellite

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Denver: cartoon serial
 6.30 The New Mickey Mouse

- Club: tonight, Mickey becomes a sleep walker and the tale of a stolen jewel
 7.00 Munsters Today: "Professor Grandpa". The Munsters debate the pros and cons of the new and the old ways of life. Comedy
 7.30 "T.N.T.: 'The Game.' Turner and Taler are at odds over the best way to handle a dangerous game. Starring: Mr. T. Action
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Beauty and the Beast. "The Outsiders." A group of people make trouble for the inhabitants of the netherworld. Starring: Linda Hamilton as Catherine and Ron Perlman as Vincent
 9.30 Paul Daniel's Magic Show
 10.30 Thursday's feature:

"April Morning." Starring: Robert Lee Jones. Set during the War of Independence in America, it tells the story of a youth who wants to join the British forces.
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

FRIDAY

- 4.00 Holy Quran
 4.10 Centurions: cartoon serial
 4.30 Italian Football
 5.30 The American Basketball
 6.30 Inter Bang: A team embarks on a secret mission to Thailand; meanwhile, the professor escapes.
 7.00 Once a Hero: "Remember the Cottonwood." Captain Justice moves home, only to find himself surrounded by outlaws.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Breaking Away: a look at entertainment at the sea clubs in Kuwait
 8.50 Sable: "Copy Cat." An impersonator, disguised as Sable, is about to commit a crime.
 9.30 The Charmings. Eric and Snow learn more facts about living in the 21st century. Comedy.
 10.00 Tales from the Other side: "The Pain Killer." Diagnosis: allergic to wife. Prescription: Get rid of her!
 10.30 Blue "Blood." "Line Line." Henry is hired to protect a key witness against the Mafia. Starring: Lauren Hutton, Albert Fortell, Marisa Berenson.
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
 OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
 SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
 SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
 Sat - Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

THEATRE

British Council
 JUNE 28 (6 pm), June 29 (10.30 am): Care Bears - the Gift of Caring, a children's film, will be shown. Children can join the caring bears of Care-A-Lot in five fully animated stories: "The Gift of Caring, Desert Gold, The Magic Lamp, Bright Heart's Bad Day and The Wrath of Shreeky. Admission is free. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

"Hotter Than July"
 July 7 (Friday): A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival to be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel Ballroom from 7 to 10 pm. The groups to be featured are Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambezi, Manila Boys, Louie Villeveau, Daniel Sisters

and special guest appearance by Steve Michael. Tickets priced at KD5/- are available at: Messilah Beach Hotel - Tel. 5624111 Ext. 721/729; Art Corner, Nagra: 2665068/2659820; Swan Lake Recording, Salmiya: 5721030; No. 1 Records, Sultan Center - 5719620 Ext. 46.
 Special offer for office and home delivery of tickets please call 2669963, 3928504 and 5639689.

Musical instruments will be given as gifts on entrance tickets.

Red and Black nite
 JULY 11: The Weekend Club will host the Red & Black Nite at the Sheikh Ballroom of the Regency Palace with Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Dress is informal but red and black combinations. Highlights include selection of the Red and Black Couple, most original costume and a live contest. Gala buffet dinner is included. For reservations contact Hilary: 5741380 Julio: 5734513 and Mercedes: 4890566.

St. Paul's Jumble Sale
 JUNE 30, (Friday): St. Paul's Jumble Sale will be held at St. Pauls, 9th Avenue, Ahmadi, from 10 am to 12.30 pm. Bargain prices on all items; good selection of clothes, books and household goods.

D'Assisi Social Evening
 AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armist, Shop No. 34, Al Kar-nak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans
 AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top

Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait International
 Children's Party. Every Friday from June 23 up to July 7. Kermit, Donald Duck, Fozzie Bear, many other playmates, a huge Kiddie Castle, games, puppet shows and video fun promise to make it an entertaining day for the children. From 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm. KD5 for adults and KD3 for children under 12 years. Tickets on sale at reception: 2530000/8039.

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext. 8166.

Garden Pool: Relax by the pool and enjoy our Mongolian and American Barbecue on alternate Fridays. Ext. 8052.

At the Messilah Beach
 AT Mubarakia, the only 24-hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

Al Jawharah super night club, live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al Bordenah beach garden restaurant open, Sunday to Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezza, freshly baked markouk bread and hubble bubble.

At the Holiday Inn
 AT The Coffee Shop: A variety of continental in orien-

tal cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner.
Al Andalus: Thursday - Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for this night. Our local entertainers provide music.

Family brunch - a whole-some day for the family. Entertainment includes Walt Disney cartoon characters plus performance from the great magician. Let your kids enjoy every minute of the day. Delicious mouth watering food in a variety of deserts.

At the Swimming Pool: It's a great night out by the pool, starting at 8.00 p.m.
Barbecue - Music - Games prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family in friends in savour our delicious Shazara Barbecue.

At the Ramada Hotel
EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily. A la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

Marina take away counter offering a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks open from 4 pm till 11 pm daily.

Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

At the Meridien
HOTEL Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our "Little Mexico".
Greek Taverna every Tuesday: Experience authentic



Meridien's annual staff party

Kuwait Meridien Hotel management recently held the annual staff party at Al Jahra Ballroom. All employees and their families graced the affair. Andreas Mattmuller, general manager and Hassan Bayerli, personnel manager awarded service certificates to employees who have spent five to 10 years with the hotel. A variety of songs, dances like the Filipino tinikling (bamboo dance), Palestinian Dabka contributed mostly by the staff and department heads. The Russian circus rendered a special number to everyone's delight. Raffle of fabulous prizes were given to lucky winners and everyone enjoyed the occasion.

Farewell party

A farewell party will be held on July 7, Friday, at 6.30 pm, at the Indian Arts Circle, Funtaines, in honour of the outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha and Mrs. Jha. A committee has been formed by representatives of Indian community and the various cultural associations in Kuwait to organise the event. All Indian citizens are invited. For seat reservations contact Indian Arts Circle, Tel. 3904817. For details contact the authoriser Stephen Joseph on 3721429.

Go-Go Club makes its debut

THE Go-Go Club made its debut to the social scene in Kuwait with a bang on Friday, June 16, with a well organised dance-cum-buffet at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

The show's main sponsor was the Mild Seven Lights cigarette company whose representative, Imad Atiya, said a few words on the occasion.

For those who braved the bizarre, dusty weather, there were plenty of surprises and prizes; gifts and takeaways donated by the organisers and the various sponsors.

The Go-Go Club itself awarded generous prizes of two-way tickets from Kuwait to Bahrain, Cyprus and Dubai.

The attendees were held spellbound throughout by the melody of the Stepping Stones and Symphony, two of Kuwait's leading bands.

The highlight of the event was the live and twist competition, which had the young, lithe competitors whirling furiously about the dance floor, trying to outperform each other to the pulsating music.

Chief guest at the occasion was Abdul Khalique, first secretary of the Embassy of India.



Youngsters swinging it out on the dance floor.



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CINEMA

Al Salmiya
 Moving
Al Hamra
 Cobra Mission II
Al Andalus
 Halloween IV
Drive-In
 Arabic Film
Al Firdos
 Mera Shikar
 Starring: Kabir Bedi, Dimple Kapadia
Fahad Open-Air
 Thodisi Bewafai
Al Fahad
 Qurbani
Al Jahra
 Arabic Film

NIGHT CHEMIST

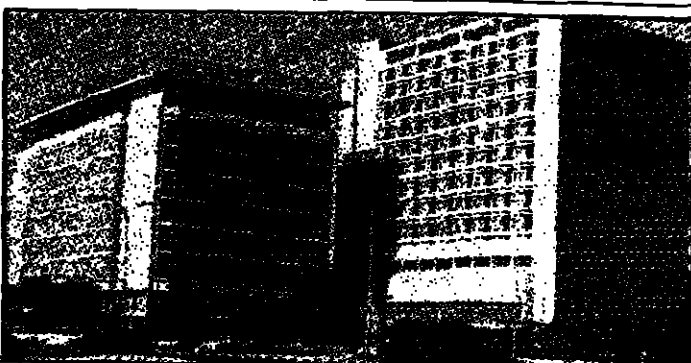
Kuwait
Al Jahra Pharmacy
 Fahd Al Salem St, Awkal Bldg
Al Sharaq Al Jadid Pharmacy
 Safat Souk, Opp. Museum
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Rehab Pharmacy
 Hawalli, Tunis St
Salmiya and Rumailhiya
Al Rashid Pharmacy
 Rumailhiya, Amman St
Fahad and Almasdi
Al Burqan Pharmacy
 Fahad, Al Sabah Souk
Farwaniya
Al Munawer Pharmacy
 Main St
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
 Al Mafati St

FRIDAY

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
 Wajif Souk, Al Jazzer St
Ibn Rushd Pharmacy
 Duaij Souk, Kuwait Souk Bldg
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Jodar Pharmacy
 Hawalli, Tunis St
Salmiya and Rumailhiya
Al Meedan Pharmacy
 Baghdad St
Fahad and Almasdi
Al Iman Pharmacy
 Fahad, Makkah St
Farwaniya
Al Munawer Pharmacy
 Souk Janoubi St
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
 The New Commercial Market

Failaka Run

The elevators may fall but guests at the Kuwait International Hotel need not worry about service. In an unusual test of speed, strength and stamina the staff at the KIH put on an excellent performance at the Failaka Run. Each participant had to run from the lobby level up 19 floors to the Failaka Restaurant with a glass of drink on a tray. There were 30 participants and each one made it to the top. Sulaiman Abdul Moniem Odeh (pictured) was first who claimed those 426 steps in 2.17 minutes with his drink intact which he presented to a guest with a smile but a pounding heart. Mohamed Dorra came in 2.41 minutes. However, Antony Kingma, Executive Fitness Centre instructor had previously raced to the top in 1.55 minutes during a test run.



Best hotel in Kuwait

The famous publication Euromoney dealing with banking, finance, stock exchange market and financed based in London recently conducted a special survey to determine their readers' choice of the best hotel of some of the world's major destinations in which Kuwait Sheraton was voted the number in Kuwait. The Bahrain Sheraton and the Abu Dhabi Sheraton were also voted as number one in their respective destinations. This is the second time that Kuwait Sheraton was voted number one. The first time being earlier in the year, when the Middle East Economic Digest "MEED" conducted their reader survey.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Milken heads list of highest earners

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): Indicted financier Michael Milken was the highest-paid Wall Street professional in 1988, earning more than \$180 million as part-time junk bond chief for Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., according to estimates compiled by Financial World magazine.

Milken's earnings, combined with the 1988 income of the rest of Wall Street's top 10 earners, totalled nearly \$1 billion, exceeding the gross national product of some small countries, Financial World said yesterday in releasing its "Wall Street 100" list to be published in its July 11 edition.

Milken was one of two executives in the top 10 — along with Singer Co. chairman Paul Bilzerian — who have been indicted or convicted this year for securities laws violations.

Bilzerian, the takeover strategist who was convicted June 9 for securities fraud unrelated to his 1986 takeover of Singer, was sixth on the list with estimated earnings of at least \$80 million last year.

Gordon Cain, chairman of the petrochemical concern Sterling Group, was second on the list with \$70 million. No. 3 was Henry Kravis, partner in the leveraged buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., who earned "at least" \$110 million, the magazine stated.

Financial World said its estimates were based on more than three months of research of company documents and interviews of company sources.

Together, the 100 highest-paid people on Wall Street earned \$2.5 billion last year, the magazine said.

Rounding out the top 10 were Kohlberg Kravis partner George Roberts, with \$110 million; investor Robert Bass, of the Bass Brothers of Texas, more than \$100 million; Irwin Jacobs, the investor who heads conglomerate Minstar Inc., more than \$75 million; Michel David-Weill, top partner of the investment bank Lazard Freres and Co. in New York, Paris and London, more than \$65 million; Peter Peterson, chairman of the investment firm Blackstone Group, at least \$50 million; and investor Richard Rainwater, more than \$50 million.

Last year's No. 1, commodities trader Paul Tudor Jones II, fell to number 19 as his earnings dropped from an estimated \$80 million to about \$30 million, the magazine stated.

The agency quoted a statement by the Prime Minister's office as saying about 130,000 were expected to have returned to the two cities by September 22, nine years after war which lasted eight years.

Khorramshahr, Iran's biggest commercial port on the Shatt Al Arab river, was practically razed during 19 months of Iraqi occupation early in the war.

Iranian officials said 45,000 houses were damaged in Abadan which was pounded daily by Iraqi artillery.

Up to 10,000 Iranian workers are repairing Abadan's oil refinery which started partial operation in April processing 130,000 barrels of crude oil per day — one-fifth of its pre-war capacity which made it the largest refinery in the world.

The Tehran statement said 24 billion rials (320 million) had been allocated for reconstruction projects and public services in the two cities.

Gulf war fighting ended through a UN-arranged ceasefire last August but peace talks have made little progress towards a final settlement.

Jordan gets EEC grant

AMMAN, June 21, (Reuters): The European Economic Community signed an agreement granting Jordan three million Ecu to study ground water resources in the Azraq basin, in the northeast.

An EEC statement said the money for the three-year project was part of a 100-million Ecu 1987 to 1991 protocol which stresses aid to Jordan's water and irrigation sector.

US trade policy flayed

GENEVA, June 21, (AP): US trade policy was sharply criticised for "undermining" the international trade system at a special meeting of the 96-nation group that sponsors trade liberalisation talks, an official said today.

Delegates at a special council session of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade condemned provisions in the 1988 US trade act which call for penalties against countries deemed to be especially protectionist, the GATT official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

And a report submitted by the GATT secretariat to the meeting warned that governments' commitment to the current four-year round of trade-freeing talks was facing its "sternest test."

EEC ambassador Tran Van-Thinh warned the meeting of the "sinking of the

GATT because of an error of US judgment," and said the US Congress should be aware of the "violation of the international laws of GATT."

Last month, Washington singled out Japan, Brazil and India for priority action under the so-called 301 section of its trade act because of alleged serious violations against fair trade.

The three countries face 100 per cent tariffs on selected exports to the United States if they do not remove offending barriers to US goods within 18 months.

The United States has also said it will closely watch countries — including some members of the 12-nation European Economic Community — suspected of failing to protect US copyrights and patents.

Brazilian ambassador Rubens Ricupero said the US action "undermines

and puts in jeopardy the whole Uruguay round," and "has already wasted and ruined the precious capital of goodwill built up during the talks."

Indian representative Bal Krishan Zutshi said the implementation of the 301 provisions would "emasculate the multilateral trading system."

Japanese delegate Yoshio Hatano cited US disregard of the established system within GATT for settling trade disputes.

"To be judge, jury and executioner at the same time is not acceptable," he told the meeting.

The GATT official said Canada, Argentina, Mexico and Hong Kong all voiced concern that the threat of unilateral US action was against the global spirit of the Uruguay round of GATT talks, due to finish at the end of 1991.

Under the GATT system, unilateral retaliatory action against another country can only be taken under very specific conditions.

Brazil and India will also raise the issue at GATT's regular council meeting, which follows the special session, although they are unlikely to make formal complaints because the United States has not yet taken any concrete action against them, the GATT official said.

The regular meeting, continuing through tomorrow, will discuss disputes currently being dealt with by GATT and will receive membership applications from Venezuela and Nepal.

Austria, seeking EEC membership, is also expected to announce it will cut tariffs by up to 50 per cent on more than 1,800 products starting next January.



Andrew Marshall (third from left) NBK's executive manager, operations and systems division addresses the press conference. Picture shows from left to right Nabil Hatem, head of marketing development department (NBK), Simon Clements, head of operations and systems division, Marshall and Evan Jorgensen, technical specialist of NBK.

NBK marks major breakthrough

Electronic payment service launched

THE National Bank of Kuwait, the oldest and largest bank in Kuwait and a leader in banking in the region, announced the launch of a major new electronic payment service to its customers, the first of its kind in the Middle East.

This new service gives each holder of the NBK Watani Express card the ability to effect payments at the point of sale (co-ops, supermarkets, shops, etc.) electronically, with the card, using a highly advanced computer system commonly known as EFTPS (Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale).

By launching this system at the Safeway store in Farwaniya, yesterday NBK is marking another major advance for Kuwait in the field of banking technology and customer service.

Talking about more details about the service Yacoub Y. Al Fulaj, general manager of the operations and services group of

NBK, said: "The service itself is very simple in concept. A store may have one or more small, simple computer terminals connected to NBK, and that are used to read the customers' Watani Express cards and check their secret number. The terminal then effects a transfer from the account — automatically, for the exact amount of the bill. As you see, the whole payment operation is effected without currency notes changing hands."

He added: "There are two main advantages actually; firstly, Watani Express cardholders don't have, from now on, to worry about carrying enough cash for payment of bills... wherever they find a Watani Express counter, their card is as good as money. Secondly, of course, there is the simplicity of the operation..."

Fulaj said: "It is much simpler than, for instance, using an ATM (and these are used by thousands

of people every day). We have purposely designed the system to be simple, quick and efficient."

When asked about the security he said: "We have spent more time and effort on security than any other part of this whole project for a customer to authorise a debit to his account he must supply his card and enter his PIN number into the system. The card can't be used without knowing the secret number, just like an ATM."

When asked what makes this project important for NBK and Kuwait, he said: "First of all, it's first in Kuwait and the Middle East: we're implementing a brand new concept for Kuwait that is at least as up to date as the best in other countries where the EFTPS service is available. Secondly, we have developed the entire system in house at NBK, and proved that the bank's technological ability is of top international quality."

Dollar sharply lower

Investors seek guidance

LONDON, June 21, (Reuters): The dollar ended sharply lower in Europe today in the absence of fresh US economic data to support it and rumours of Central Bank intervention, dealers said.

Activity in London's financial markets was reduced to a trickle by a series of transport strikes.

The dollar shed two pence during quiet European trading although it was little changed from yesterday's London close.

"We're in a range-trading environment not helped by the absence of statistics," said Tim Fox, currency economist at London investment bank Midland Montagu.

Many dealers on the London exchange expect the dollar to consolidate before forging ahead again.

Dealers in Frankfurt said the US Central Bank, the Federal Reserve, was rumoured to have sold dollars for marks and yen but added they could find no evidence of such intervention.

New York traders said the dollar had continued falling after it dipped under 1.9850 West German marks, which was considered a "technical support level" in the market.

The dollar closed in London at 1.9715 West German marks and 144.05 Japanese yen after ending yesterday at 1.9775 and 144.15. Share dealers in London's Stock Exchange said activity had been subdued by the transport strikes and the market closed almost one hour earlier than usual.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares ended 7.4 points higher at

2,172.2.

Wall Street stocks edged up in quiet early business as the market continued a period of calm after recent sharp rises.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 2.65 points higher at 2,475.53 by noon in New York.

Earlier in Asian trading, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei Average closed 111.81 points or 0.34 per cent higher at 33,345.28.

Gold firmed a shade in quiet London trading to close at \$366.75 an ounce after \$366.25 yesterday.

Oil prices were little changed in the absence of fresh news to move the market, dealers said.

The international marker crude, North Sea Brent blend, was quoted around \$16.35 a barrel for August loading.

Gloomy forecast for oil market

Glut may depress prices

LONDON, June 21, (Reuters): Overproduction and lower than expected demand will bring crude oil prices down over the next year, the Economist Intelligence Unit predicted today.

"We tend to believe the bears," the independent London-based unit said in its world commodity forecasts bulletin for June.

It saw Brent blend crude, an oil industry benchmark, falling from an average price of \$17.30 a barrel this year to \$16 next year, with corresponding falls in other oil grades.

"The two most often cited grounds for bullishness, the firmness of prices to date and the apparent buoyancy of demand, are shaky," it said.

"Prices have certainly held up, but thanks to supply side accidents, not to OPEC discipline and the evidence for a real acceleration in oil demand is lacking."

A series of accidents over the past 12 months have slashed British oil production by up to 40 per cent and sent Brent prices briefly above \$20 a barrel.

Alaskan oil output was briefly affected when the Exxon Valdez tanker ran onto a reef in March, spilling its cargo of crude into the sea in America's worst oil spill to date.

Now the tide is turning again. North Sea oil prices have already weakened by a dollar since the OPEC producer's organisation announced a new market support agreement on June 7.

Traders viewed the deal, which raised the ceiling for OPEC crude oil supply from 18.5 to 19.5 million barrels per day, as flawed and a possible recipe for a production free-for-all.

"OPEC will almost certainly continue to overproduce," the Economist Intelligence Unit said. "Its coherence... is now seriously weakened by financial problems."

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 21/06/1989			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
5	Daira Maru	Algh. Barwil	4843988
8	General Kazim Orbay	Al Sawan	4746018
12	Jadran Express	M. Bahar	2433881
14	Probo Baro	Algh. Barwil	4843988
19	Acacia Tree	Gh. & Qutub	4347815

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
21/6	Dunaj	KSA	4843150
21/6	Zarka	Gh. & Qutub	4347815
21/6	Ibn Alathar	KSA	4843150
21/6	Marjon	ISA	2441860
22/6	Daishun Maru	Al Rashed	2422026
22/6	Chattanooga-L	Trans. Conti.	2436920
22/6	Jolly Smeraldo	Gh. & Qutub	4347815

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Glory Sky	ISA	2441860
6	Handy Commander	Algh. Barwil	4843988
7	Western Trias		
9	Anafi	Algh. Barwil	4843988
11	Victor	ISA	2441860
12	Golden Polydimnos	A. Seas	2421303
13	Malak	Rogger	2423642
19	Kashima	ISA	2441860

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
3/6	Ascona	Algh. Barwil	4843988
21/6	Malak	Rogger	2423642
21/6	Y.S. Prosperity	Al Rashed	2422026

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 21, (Reuters): Share market drifted to a lower close in subdued trade following the higher than expected April retail sales figure. The All-Ordinaries index fell 8.4 to 1,528.2.

TOKYO: A few heavy industry shares took centre stage in an otherwise dull day as big brokers tried to boost the price on Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The Nikkei gained 111.81 to close at 33,345.28.

BOMBAY: Share prices rose selectively in hectic trading. Tata Engineering and Locomotive posted a net profit of Rs700.3 million in the year to March from 269.5 million in the year before and the shares jumped Rs 24 to 847.5.

FRANKFURT: A flood of foreign orders pushed the DAX index up 2.5 points to 1,474.61.

ZURICH: Swiss banking shares led the market to a 1989 high. The All-Share index rose 5.4 points to 1,092.7.

At a separate meeting here today, Latin American finance officials rejected a proposal drafted by a regional economic forum to halve Latin America's crushing \$401 billion debt, with some officials calling it vague and unrealistic.

"The proposal was too beautiful to be true," a Bolivian delegate told Reuters at the end of a two-day meeting of the 26-nation Latin American economic system.

The SELA secretariat had proposed to deputy finance ministers gathered in the Venezuelan capital a 50 per cent cut in debt principal, conversion of the remainder into long-term bonds and a 75 per cent reduction of service payments.

Share prices down

Suchard opens its share to the world

ZURICH, June 21, (Reuters): Swiss chocolate company Jacobs Suchard AG said today it would let foreigners buy its registered shares for the first time.

Copying a move made by rival Swiss food giant Nestle SA last November, Suchard said it wanted to put foreign investors on the same footing as Swiss shareholders.

"We are Swiss but we are also an international company and international people should be able to buy all the shares we have," spokesman Walter Anderau told Reuters.

Most Swiss firms ensure control remains in Swiss hands by refusing to register registered shares bought by foreigners, thus denying them voting rights.

Shares analysts say other big companies are coming under pressure to open up their shares because the restrictions have deterred many foreigners from investing in Switzerland.

But even after today's announcement, Suchard will be safe from foreign takeover as chief executive Klaus Jacobs owns 55 per cent of the registered capital.

Also, the company's board would reserve the right not to register any unwanted holder of registered shares without giving a reason, Anderau said.

Until now foreigners have only been allowed to buy the company's bearer shares, which

carry the same voting power but cost almost five times as much as the registered shares.

The Suchard announcement came after the close of the Zurich stock market where the registered shares have ended 85 Swiss francs (\$50) up from Tuesday at 1,515 francs (\$891), while the bearers finished 115 francs (\$68) lower at 7,210 francs (\$4,241).

No immediate comment was available from the stock market on whether insider information was thought to be behind the price moves and whether an inquiry would be held.

Nestle was the first Swiss company to open its registered shares to foreigners last November, and two other firms — engineers Rieter Holding and insurers Zurich Insurance — have already followed suit.

Suchard chief executive Klaus Jacobs said today that Nestle's move had been a "good first step" in the right direction and more steps were needed.

He told the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce in Geneva that Swiss firms had only themselves to blame for their low stock market capitalisation.

Share prices were depressed because of the ownership restrictions.

Jacobs Suchard also said today that net profit in 1989 was likely to be around last year's \$43 million Swiss francs (\$20 million).

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Note : Mr. Sushil Mantri, Director, will also be personally available for discussions this month as per the schedule given below.

PLACE	DATES	HOTEL	PHONE
MUSCAT-OMAN	18 & 19	AL FALAJ	702311
DOHA-QATAR	20 & 21	RAMADA	417471
BAHRAIN	22 & 23	RAMADA	714921
KUWAIT	24, 25, 26 & 27	MERIDIEN	245550
DUBAI-UAE	28 & 29	ASTORIA	534300
ABU DHABI	30 & 31	AL AIN PALACE	322377
DUBAI-UAE	27 & 31	ASTORIA	534300

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 22-23, 1989

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	1/2 PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
ADT LTD	184.0	1791.8	1791.8	1455.3
ALD LYONS	452.0	1251.74	1256.97	1008.8
AMSTRAD	86.0	1108.39	1103.16	926.59
ARGYL GP	219.0	84.72	84.72	87.05
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BR TELCOM	272.0			
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CALOR GRP	395.0			
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DALGETY	367.0			
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FT WLD LOC	134.28	134.99	134.74	129.77

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS BELOW HIGHS IN LATE QUIET TRADING

LONDON, JUNE 21, REUTER - EQUITIES WERE BELOW THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE TRADING, TRACKING WALL STREET'S PERFORMANCE AFTER THE U.S. MARKET RELINQUISHED EARLY MODEST GAINS.

ACTIVITY IN THE LONDON MARKET WAS LIGHT, PARTLY DUE TO THE NATIONAL RAIL STRIKE AND SIMILAR ACTION ON THE LONDON TUBE AND BUS SERVICES. THE MARKET'S APPETITE FOR STOCK WAS ALSO RESTRAINED BY CONCERNS OVER STERLING'S WEAKNESS FOLLOWING A FURTHER SURGE IN THE DOLLAR OVERNIGHT, DEALERS SAID.

BY 1433 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 7.1 UP AT 2,171.9 AFTER A HIGH OF 2,178.9. THE INDEX WILL CLOSE AT 1505 GMT TODAY.

WITH NO MAJOR COMPANY RESULTS OR BID DEVELOPMENTS, DEMAND CENTRED ON DOLLAR EARNERS AND SPECIAL SITUATIONS. STERLING'S DECLINE REKINDLED NERVOUSNESS OVER REVENUED UPWARD PRESSURE ON 14 PCT U.K. BASE RATES.

ALTHOUGH STERLING'S WEAKNESS APPEARED TO BE MOSTLY DOLLAR RELATED, TODAY'S TRANSPORT WORKERS STRIKES HAVE HIGHLIGHTED RECENT INCREASED PRESSURE FOR HIGHER WAGES, DEALERS SAID.

THE POUND ENDED FOUR BASIS POINTS LOWER WITH THE TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX AT 90.6 AFTER TOUCHING 90.3 WHEN THE BANK OF ENGLAND REPORTEDLY INTERVENED TO SUPPORT STERLING, DEALERS SAID.

London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 21, REUTER - GOLD BULLION EDGED UP TO THE DAY'S HIGHS DURING LATE TRADING, SUPPORTED BY A DOWNTURN IN THE DOLLAR, AND THE MARKET ENDED A ROUTINE DAY LITTLE CHANGED.

GOLD CLOSED AT 366.50/367.00 DLRs AN OUNCE, UP FROM AN OPENING 364.90/365.40 BUT LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM TUESDAY'S CLOSE OF 366.00/366.50 DLRs.

DEALERS SAID BUSINESS WAS GENERALLY LACKLUSTRE, WITH SMALL FLUCTUATIONS TODAY INDUCED BY THE DOLLAR'S MOVEMENTS. THE TRANSPORT STRIKE HAD LITTLE IMPACT ON TRADING, THEY SAID.

GOLD IS NOW LOOKING CONSTRUCTIVE, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT TERM, WITH UNDERLYING SUPPORT LIMITING DIPS.

London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 21, REUTER - STERLING MONEY RATES CLOSED MIXED WITH SHORT-TERM RATES SLIGHTLY BELOW OVERNIGHT LEVELS AND LONGER TERM RATES AROUND 1/16 POINT HIGHER, DEALERS SAID.

TRADING WAS SUBDUED AS MANY PEOPLE FAILED TO GET TO WORK BECAUSE OF A NATIONAL RAIL STRIKE AND STOPPAGE OF MOST PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LONDON.

"I DON'T THINK ANYBODY EXPECTED IT TO BE BUSY TODAY, BUT IT'S BEEN DEADLY," ONE DEALER SAID.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND SAID MONEY MARKET TRADING FINISHED 15 MINUTES EARLY AT 1415 GMT AND SEVERAL HOUSES SAID THEY CLOSED THEIR BOOKS AT 1330.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.5340/50	1.9880/90	6.7420/3535	FIX
STG	1.9854/9934	3.0495/0530	10.3390/3535	FIX
DMK	6.7415/7535	2.6445/3625	338.86/39.50	FIX
FFR	1.7250/7260	2.6462/6494	86.68/78	NOON
NFL	2.2400	3.4365	112.615	FIX
ECU	1.04080	0.678177	2.07067	CLSE
SDR	1.24374	0.798549	2.45166	CLSE
YEN	144.95/95	222.15/46		NOON
SDR RATE	20/06/1989	OTHERS	21/06/1989	

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON: IBM Credit Corp., a unit of International Business Machines Corp., is issuing a 250 mln dir Eurobond due July 17, 1992 paying nine per cent and priced at 101.42 pct, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp. said.

LONDON: Barclays PLC said it proposes raising 194 mln dir through an issue in the US of fixed rate non-cumulative dollar-denominated preference shares.

Bonn: The West German government has offered Poland the opportunity of repaying a credit signed in 1975 for one billion marks in 2000, government sources said.

Poland: Delayed foreign loans will hit key sectors of the Chinese economy, but the funds will probably not be withheld for long since the Western world does not want a poor, isolated China, Western diplomats said on Wednesday.

LONDON: Brazil's failure to settle differences with the IMF and World Bank is fueling new concern over its willingness to meet future interest payments on foreign debt, bankers and economists said.

Zurich: Japanese borrowers must offer more generous terms on their debt issues in Switzerland if they want to lure investors back into the market, bankers said.

Rome: Credit Fondiario has arranged a 100 mln ECU syndicated loan expiring on Nov 30, 1989, lead manager Banco di Roma said.

LONDON: The State Electricity Commission of Victoria is issuing a 100-mln US dir Eurobond due July 25, 1992 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Merrill Lynch Capital Markets said.

Zurich: Cement Holding AG of Zurich is issuing a convertible bond of around 150 mln Swiss francs with a medium maturity of eight years and a coupon indicated at 3-1/2 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	88	88	88	MUK IRON	123	123	126
ACC	315.50	318	318	GNFC	39.25	39.25	40 NAT INDEX	383.28	36	38
ALUM CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIM	115	115.50	116.50	NIPPON	36	38
ALUM NIS	---	---	---	GSFC	155	156.25	168.75	NOCIL	962.50	970
ART FIB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	68	68	68	ORRAY	20	19.50
ASHOK LEY	69	68	71.50	GUJ HEAVY	10	9.50	11	OSNAL AGRO	70	74
ASIA PAINT	195	191.25	210.25	HERO HONDA	22.50	21.50	22	PEICO	19	18
ATLAS COP	42	40	41.50	HIIND CIBA	940	940	940	PONDS	199	199
AUTO CORP	73.50	75	77.50	HIND COCOA	108	107.50	108.75	PONDS	199	199
BAJAJ AUTO	376.25	377.50	382.50	HIND LEVER	90.50	91	91.0	PREM AUTO	52	51.50
BAJAJ RAYON	482.50	490	492.50	HIND MOTOR	38.75	39	38.75	RANBAXY	97.50	96.25
BE BOND	148	147	149	HINDOILCO	290	291.25	293	RAY MOOL	80	78.50
BION PLAST	---	---	---	HOECHST	740	745	740	RECKITT	207.50	205
BOM DYE	133	134	135	IND ORG	36	36.50	39.50	RELIANCE	123	124
BSE INDEX	732.08	736.27	736.27	IND RAYON	81.50	81.50	82.25	SESA GDA	42.50	42.50
BURR WEL	185	180	185	INDROL	307.50	313.75	315	SHRI FIB	86	84.50
CANSHARE	---	---	---	INGERSOLL	405	400	410	SIEMENS	72	70
CEN ENKA	2620	2635	2690	ITC	116	115	123	SKF	1370	1330
CEN SPG	1895	1925	1955	KI SYN	75	74.50	75.50	SPIC	55	55.25
COLGATE	326.25	327.50	327.50	KIN ENGG	185	183	186.25	ST MILLS	280	270
CROMPT GR	1200	1225	1235	KIR CUMM	75	72.50	74.50	TATA CHEM	119.50	119.50
DCH	11.50	10	10.50	KSB PUMPS	405	405	407.50	TATA OIL	58.75	55
DEEP FERT	33.50	32.50	33.50	L AND T	84	83.50	85	TATA POM	320	320
DUNLOP	78	76	78	LIPTON	73.50	75	73.50	TELCO	847.50	881.25
ET HOTELS	56.50	55	58	MAC RUSSEL	103.50	100	102	THAPAR AGRO	1400	1440
ESCORTS	67	66	67.50	MAD COATS	97	96	99	VAN ORG	164	163
ESSARF	131.25	131.25	133.75	MAHENDRA	97	96	99	VAN ORG	164	163
ESSAR SPG	22	22.75	22.50	MIS SHARE	18.35	18.25	18.65	VARELI	23.75	23.75
FOODSPL	377.50	377.50	377.50	NICO	640	635	650	VOLTA	810	810
FORBES	51	50	53	NILKFOOD	217.50	210	215	VIMCO	20	20.50
GAIL	69	68.50	68.50	NODI	85	84	87.50	ZENITH	57	55
GE SHIPPING	40.25	40.50	42.25	NRF LTD	380	370	375	ZIARI AGRO	75	75

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AGF	212.0
ALLIANZ	1863.0
BADEMER	233.0
BAPES	311.8
BAYER	318.8
BAYER HYP	387.5
BAYER VER	387.0
BBC	440.0
BHF	460.0
BHW	566.5
COMMERZB	251.8
COMT GLUM	302.5
DAIMLER BEN	725.0
DEUTSCH BIK	575.0
DLW	544.0
DRESNER	328.0
DT BAROCK	200.0
FA ANDER	615.0
FELDMUEHL	370.0
GOLDSCHEID	427.5
HARPER	455.0
HOECHST AG	301.5
HOESCH	280.0
HORTEN	261.0
HUSSEL HLD	610.0
KALI SALZ	223.2
KARSTADT	555.0
KAUFHOF	519.0
KLOECK H	198.0
KLOECK M	177.0
LINDE	734.0
LUFTHANSA	104.0
MANNESMAN	323.5
MERCEDES	572.0
METALLURG	472.0
MIDTDRIFT PF	315.0
NORSK HYD	44.30
PHILIP KOD	567.5
PORSCHE	792.0
PREUSSAG	311.0
PWA	313.0
RHEINMETAL	396.0
RUE P	279.0
SALAMANDER	347.0
SCHERING	663.0
SEL	315.0
SIEMENS	580.0
THYSEN	258.0
VARTA	364.5
VEBA	318.0
VEW	191.0
VOLKSWAGEN	423.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
BANK EA	13.80
CATHAY	8.20
CANADIAN	262
CHEUNG K	7.35
CHINA L-P	11.20
DAIRY FARM	650
EVERGO IND	1.99
GT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	337.71
HAFCO	18
HANG LUNG	3.55
HENDERSON	3.60
HK BANK	5.55
HK ELEC	7.05
HK GAS	15.50
HK LAND	7.25
HK TELECOM	4.42
HS HOTEL	4.32
HOPEWELL	1.89
HUTCHINSON	20.80
HYABAN DEV	7.95
JAR MATH	19.20
JSH	10.80
KM BUS	6.65
LAI SUN	102
MATIMOR O	0
MIRAMAR	5.15
NEW WORLD	8.10
PAUL Y CON	8.80
SHK PROP	8.55
STELLUX	1.92
SVIRE A	14.30
TAI CHEUNG	3.55
TV-6	82
WHARF	7.50
WINSOR	8.20
WORLD INTL	3.12

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2650
AKAI ELEC	808
AKAI	1320
ASAHI GLS	2370
ASAHI OPT	920
BANK TOKYO	1650
BRIDGESTON	1680
CANON	1950
CASIO COMP	1460
CHUGAI PHM	1710
CITIZEN W	1180
D-ICHI KAN	3290
DAI NIP	879
DAI NIP PT	2240
DAI NIP SEC	1330
DAI NIP TO	920
DAICEL	1110
DAIWA SEC	2120
DAIWA SEC	2480
EISAI	1940
FUJITSU	1560
FUJI BANK	3370
FUJI PHOTO	4130
FUJISAMA	1730
FUJITA CP	1740
HITACHI	1640
HONDA MOT	1940
ISEYAN	2450
ITO YOKADO	3910
JAP SYN RY	1200
JAPAN AIR	16500
JAPAN MET	1060
KAJIMA	2000
KANSAI	4470
KAO SOAP	1670
KAWASAKI H	1190
KAWASAKI S	929
KIRIN BEV	1840
KOMATSU	1270
KUBOTA LTD	1170
KYOCERA	5480
MAKITA EL	1860
MARUI	2710
MATSUTA EI	2450
MATSUTA EL	0
MEIJI SEIK	1110
NITTSUB CP	1460
NITTSUB EL	1200
NITTSUB EST	2290
NITTSUB HYV	1200
NITTSUB CO	1040
NITTSUBSHI	2230
NITTSUB EL	1000
NICHICON	1800
NIRON CHMT	1120
NIKKO SEC	1740
NIP ELEC	1980
NIP KOKKAN	823
NIP OIL	1370
NIP STEEL	835
NIP TUSEN	987
NIP MOTOR	1590
NOMURA SEC	3150
OHURA CO	1370
OLYMPIA	1530
OSANTA OCN	1520
PIONEER	3710
RENMAN	1100
RICOH	1310
SANKYO	2630
SANYO ELEC	930
SEIYU ST	2130
SEKISUI PB	1960
SHARP	1500
SHISEIDO	1680
SONY	7790
SUMITOMO	1290
TAISEI	1570
TAISHO MRN	1310
TAIHEI CH	2320
TEIJIN	872
TOKO NEW IX	469.40
TOKO NEW	2000
TOKYO ELEC	1240
TOKYO GAS	1080
TOKYO PWR	5760
TORAY IND	958
TOSHIBA EL	1410
TOTO	2330
TOYO KOGY	990
TOYOTA MOT	2720
YAMAHA	1370
YAMAHA TCH	1740
YAMAMOTO	3550
YAMAZAKI	1470

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER IN LATE INDEX BUYING

TOKYO, JUNE 21, REUTER - A FEW HEAVY INDUSTRY SHARES TOOK CENTRE STAGE IN AN OTHERWISE DULL DAY AS BIG BROKERS TRIED TO BOOST THE PRICE OF MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (MHI), WHICH IS REFINANCING THIS WEEK, TRADERS SAID. FUTURES-RELATED INDEX BUYING POPPED SHARE PRICES UP AT THE CLOSE, BROKERS SAID.

"DEALERS ARE TRYING TO GENERATE INTEREST IN MHI BY BUYING UP THE OTHER HEAVY INDUSTRY STOCKS," SAID RYUKI HAYASHIDA, HEAD OF EQUITY SALES FOR CHASE MANHATTAN SECURITIES JAPAN.

OVERALL SENTIMENT REMAINED SLUGGISH, HE ADDED.

THE KEY NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 111.81 POINTS OR 0.34 PCT TO CLOSE AT 33,345.28 AFTER REBOUNDING 220.29 POINTS ON TUESDAY.

TURNOVER WAS 600 MLN SHARES AGAINST 700 MLN ON TUESDAY.

DEALERS FOR THE BIG BROKERS, WHO CANNOT PURCHASE MHI EQUITY WARRANT EUROBOOND DUE ON THURSDAY, BOUGHT KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES INSTEAD IN THE HOPES THAT IT WOULD DRAW BUYERS TO THE SECTOR, TRADERS SAID.

MHI GAINED 20 YEN TO 1,200 IN HEAVY TURNOVER AND TRADING WAS STOPPED ABOUT HALF AN HOUR EARLY. THERE WERE BUYERS ONLY AT THE ALL-TIME HIGH OF 1,220 AT THE CLOSE.

KAWASAKI HEAVY GAINED 100 YEN TO 1,190 AS DEALERS TRIED TO PUSH IT TO THE ALL-TIME HIGH 1,210, SAID HAYASHIDA OF CHASE.

SOME MARKET ANALYSTS SAID THAT PUSHING THE HEAVY INDUSTRY STOCKS TODAY WILL ALSO HELP THE BIG BROKERS IN THEIR AIM TO CHANNEL ACTIVITY BACK INTO INTEREST RATE-SENSITIVE LARGE-CAPITAL STOCKS, WHICH HAVE FALLEN OUT OF FAVOUR SINCE THE BANK OF JAPAN RAISED THE OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE IN MAY.

"THIS WOULD SPEAK FOR THE VITALITY OF THE HEAVIES," SAID ONE BROKER AT A FOREIGN SECURITIES HOUSE.

FUTURES-RELATED INDEX-LINKED BUYING BY A FOREIGN BROKERAGE RIGHT BEFORE THE CLOSE KNOCKED THE 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX OUT OF THE NARROW TRADING BAND THAT HAD TRAPPED IT MOST OF THE DAY, A FUTURES TRADER SAID.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 21, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS CLOSED LOWER IN VERY LIGHT TURNOVER WITH INVESTORS SIDELINED AMID UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA AND ITS EFFECT ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY.

"PEOPLE ARE SITTING ON THE FENCE OR STANDING A LITTLE BIT ON THE SELL SIDE," SAID HOWARD GORGES, DIRECTOR AT SOUTH CHINA SECURITIES. "NOBODY SEES ANY PARTICULAR REASON TO BE AN AGGRESSIVE BUYER AT THE MOMENT."

THE HANG SENG INDEX CLOSED 65.21 POINTS LOWER AT 2,272.50. IT DROPPED SOME 40 POINTS IN THE FIRST HOUR, THEN HOVERED AROUND 2,300 BEFORE RESUMING ITS FALL AFTER LUNCH.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	---
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	---
ARAB BANK	---
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.58 4.54
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.91 1.95
ARAB INSURANCE	1.01 1.03
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	---
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11 1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	---
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	---
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	---
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	---
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65 1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	---
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITHA	1.30 1.27
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00 29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	---
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	---
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75 0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60 4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27 1.25
GENERAL MINING.	2.10 2.10
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44 1.44
IND. MATCH JEMCO	---
INDUSTRIAL DEVLT BHK	1.70 1.70
INDUSTRIAL/CON/AGR	1.82 1.82
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTER. CON/INV	0.13 0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81 0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	---
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79 0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26 1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50 19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	---
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50 1.50
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20 1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	---
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18 2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	---
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79 0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	---
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	---
JOR PAPER CARD/BROG	4.00 4.00
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.95 4.00
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	---
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79 1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25 4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	---
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12 1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	---
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	---
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.65 4.70
JOR KUWAIT AGR	0.95 0.92
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	---
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45 5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.50 2.46
JORDAN GULF REAL	---
JORDAN DAIRY	---
JORDAN GULF BANK	---
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	---
JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	---
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	---
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71 0.74
MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	---
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.73 0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17 1.11
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.55 0.55
MIDDEL EAST INS	2.02 2.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75 0.75
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	---
NAT/CABLE/WTRE/MF	---
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.37 1.38
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.96 0.96
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	---
NATIONAL STEEL	---
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA BANK	2.20 2.25
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35 0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	---
PRECAST CONCRETE	---
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91 1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	---
SHIPPING LINES	---
SPINNING WEAVING	---
THE HOUSING BANK	1.83 1.83
UNITED INSURANCE	1.21 1.22
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	---
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65 0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85 0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35 1.35

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	27	28	28
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Service training centre planned

TOYOTA CITY, June 21: In a move to strengthen its high-tech servicing capabilities in the Middle East, Toyota Motor Corporation has announced that it will open a new service training centre in Bahrain. Construction of the Toyota Service Training Centre (provisional name) is under way at a 3,880m² site in the outskirts of Manama and is scheduled to be completed in early 1990.

The centre, which calls for an investment of \$3.4 million, will provide training in the latest vehicle technologies and diagnostic skills to technicians of Toyota's distributors and fleet owners in the region.

With a total floor space of 1,440, the centre will be equipped with a workshop and lecture room for service training, along with the latest facilities, diagnostic equipment, and training materials for today's sophisticated automobiles.

Included will be chassis dynamometer and fuel-injection pump test facilities, as well as electronic diagnosis equipment, engine analyser, four-wheel alignment tester, tyre uniformity machine, auto-visual equipment, and other state-of-the-art equipment.

In recent years, electronics and other new high-tech equipment in automobiles have brought about the need for higher levels of knowledge and skills in vehicle servicing and diagnosis.

Toyota hopes the new centre will help meet this need and at the same time further improve the company's service training capabilities in the Middle East.

Exchange wavers near collapse

ATHENS, Greece, June 21, (AP): The Athens Stock Exchange edged back slightly today after teetering on the brink of collapse due to the instability caused by Sunday's hung general election.

At today's bell, its general index of 30 stocks was up by 1.4 per cent from yesterday, closing at 296.02, 6.88 per cent down on its pre-election close of 317.88.

"The rise is not so much of a recovery but a reflection of the unease among investors," said a stock analyst, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Yesterday, the first working day after the election, the general index fell by 8.16 per cent. Traders, jittery about the country's economy, dumped stocks massively, forcing the exchange administration to stop some trading.

"A drop of that size could be called a collapse. It could have been much worse if we didn't have intervention," the analyst said.

Mutual fund companies, banks and institutional investors bought heavily yesterday and discreetly today, to prop up plummeting shares.

The political crisis caused by the failure of the conservative New Democracy Party to win a majority in the 300-member parliament also sent the index of 14 banks plummeting by 9.8 per cent yesterday. It recovered by 1.87 per cent today.

"There is a very bad mood in the financial community right now and a feeling that we've entered a period of long-term instability," said Athens financial consultant Ilias Tsotakos.

Farmers stage protest rally

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, June 21, (AP): Some 20,000 Yugoslav farmers staged a protest rally in Novi Sad, capital of the bread-basket province of Vojvodina, demanding more government investments in agriculture, the state Tanjug news agency reported today.

Savo Ivanovic, president of the official socialist alliance of Vojvodina, which called the rally, complained that the guaranteed purchase price for wheat set by the federal government was too low, and demanded that speedy investments be made by the government in agriculture.

The socialist alliance is a mass organisation active all across Yugoslavia and open to non-communists. Although controlled by the ruling Communist Party, it has recently begun showing some independence of the party.

Yugoslavia has been striving to achieve an annual wheat crop of 6.2 million tons to become self-sufficient, but yearly yields in recent years have been behind target.

Risks loom

US economy seen avoiding recession

NEW YORK, June 21, (Reuters): After 6-1/2 years of growth, the US economy looks headed for a soft landing without the usual post-boom recession, economists say.

But they warn that, despite a year of efforts by the US Federal Reserve (central bank) to halt rising inflation the prospects for a gentle easing remain fraught with danger.

"The chances of getting there are not bad, but also far from a sure thing," said Francis Schott, chief economist at the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Schott said he believes the Fed's chances for the so-called soft landing, or a slowdown without non-inflationary growth without sinking into a recession, were no more than 50-50.

What makes it possible, he said, is that annual inflation, now running at 5.1 per cent did not appear as ingrained this time as it has been in past expansions.

Several hurdles complicate the Fed's task. The dollar's recent rise to 2-1/2-year highs last week before easing back on June 15, could stall export growth by making US goods dearer.

Also the impression of monetary policy makes it hard to gauge long-term effects of small changes in interest rates.

After a year of increasingly tight money Fed officials have

Trade competitiveness committee launched

Council to review federal laws

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): President George Bush's committee to enhance US trade competitiveness was launched yesterday with Vice-President Dan Quayle promising to shore up US interest against the coming consolidation of European markets.

The vice-president, who heads Bush's New Council on Competitiveness, said the European Economic Community's plan to restructure with economies into a single European market by 1992 has caused much concern in US business circles.

"I share some of those concerns, but fundamentally EEC-92 is both a challenge and an

opportunity for the United States," he said in a speech to the National Foreign Trade Council of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Quayle said the theme of the new council will be US-92. Its goals will be to review federal laws to ensure they do not unfairly restrict US companies against European competitors; to ensure US access to, and fair competition in, the single European market; and to reevaluate policies on deregulation of financial institutions and anti-trust restrictions, he said.

US industries complain that anti-trust measures prevent them from competing fairly

Latta, a senior financial economist at Data Resources Inc. "Money is the one thing the Federal Reserve can control. And it does have an effect on the economy," Latta said. "But that relationship varies over time."

Unfortunately for the Fed, history is not on its side when it comes to negotiating soft landings. The post-World War Two odds have been running at about

30 per cent.

According to Geoffrey Moore, director of the Centre for International Business Cycle Research at Columbia University, the economy has gone into recession seven times since 1948, while achieving a successful slowdown on just three occasions.

"Soft landing is a temporary condition that is likely before

recession, rather than renewed growth," said Richard Stuckey, chief economist at the Du Pont Co.

A series of indicators — including industrial output, job growth, auto sales, housing starts, money supply and retail sales — all suggest the economy is indeed slowing with few signs of recession on the horizon.

Business inventories generally are below excessive levels, while strong exports and business remain supportive.

To get a soft landing and lower inflation, Columbia's Moore said, growth must fall below the long-run trend rate. He said this is about 2.7 per cent, the average for the decade to 1986.

"It does look like the economy might get down into that kind of range. The problem is preventing it from falling much below that and becoming a negative growth rate, which would mean recession," he said. "Real recessions often started with a slowdown in growth," he added.

As of the end of May, the economy had expanded for 78 months — the longest US peacetime expansion since records were first kept in 1854. First-quarter growth was 4.3 per cent — or 1.8 per cent excluding the effect of last summer's drought.

Damage not seen lasting

China hit by loan delay

BEIJING, June 21, (Reuters): Delayed foreign loans following the Beijing violence will hit key sectors of the Chinese economy but funds will not be withheld for long because the West does not want a poor, isolated China, diplomats said.

The Western envoys said railways, ports, energy and other projects in weak sectors of the economy, where demand greatly exceeds supply, would be worst hit.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced yesterday that it would delay restoring official aid following the June 4 Army crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

Japan is the biggest donor of official aid to China. A spokesman at the Beijing embassy said he did not know what sums would be affected.

The World Bank has said it is delaying a decision on loans worth \$450.2 million until after a current fact-finding mission by Shahid Burki, head of its China department.

The bank has more than 70

projects worth \$8 billion in China.

The importance of this money to China was vividly illustrated by the lead item in today's main evening news bulletin — Burki being briefed by Vice-Premier Yao Yilin.

"Our co-operation has been very fine and fruitful and has been very effective over the years," Yao said.

"We hope these ties will be enhanced in the future."

"The situation now is stable and China is fully capable of fulfilling the agreements and contracts signed with the World Bank and foreign countries."

A Western diplomat said the money from the World Bank and Japan went to the weakest sectors of the economy where low profitability discouraged Chinese firms from investing — railways, ports, roads, energy, agriculture and steel.

"These are the problems areas in the economy, where shortages are worsening," he said.

"China itself does not have the

capital needed to invest in them."

Official Japanese figures show that, from 1979 until April 1988, Japan provided \$12.9 billion in official development assistance, accounting for 81 per cent of China's loan agreements with countries and international bodies.

A second diplomat said the loans would probably be resumed by September because the Western nations and Japan did not want China to become an economic pariah internationally.

"China has already become a player in the world economy, with foreign debt of about \$40 billion and being a major exporter and importer of certain commodities," he said.

"If China is cut off from the capitalist world, how will it repay its foreign debt? How will it earn foreign exchange to import the grain, steel, fertiliser, iron ore and wool it needs?"

"The West does not want another Poland or Argentina."

Meanwhile, the official media intensified campaigns to justify

the imposition of martial law and blame the unrest on insufficient ideological control and rampant Western influences.

A major news analysis in the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily, read in full over radio throughout the morning, said the student's pro-democracy movement became a riot in part because the students blindly admired Western-style democracy.

"They took in large amounts of Western ideas and culture, but they couldn't digest them: bourgeois liberalism overflowed and this was exacerbated by their blind adulation of bourgeois democracy," the paper said.

The China Youth News demanded that young people be taught to oppose bourgeois liberalism, the government's code word for Western influence.

The latest issue of the Peking Review includes a lengthy justification of martial law which said "a small number of people" had conspired as early as the end of 1988 to create turmoil.



Advanced technology

While video phones now transmit black and white still photos, this unit by Panasonic on display at an advanced technology exhibit in Tokyo recently, transmits movement in colour. The phone is still several years away from being ready to market. (Reuters wirephoto)

Strict supervision

Drexel, SEC settlement approved

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): A federal judge yesterday approved an unprecedented civil securities fraud settlement between the government and Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., placing the Wall Street firm under strict supervision and barring it from dealing with its former junk bond financier Michael Milken.

Approval of the pact by US district judge Milton Pollack clears the way for Drexel to plead guilty to six felonies and pay a record \$650 million to settle separate criminal charges with the Justice Department.

The settlement was reached in April but was held up by lengthy legal challenges by Milken's attorneys that reached the Supreme Court. Milken alleged Pollack had a conflict of interest and should have been removed from the case.

In a brief hearing at a federal court in lower Manhattan, Pollack said that after "careful study" he granted the joint request by Drexel and the SEC to approve the proposed settlement.

The SEC charged Drexel last fall with insider trading and other securities frauds involving more than 20 takeovers and other investment deals between 1984 and 1986.

As part of the settlement, Drexel neither admitted nor denied having committed the alleged crimes.

The settlement does not include separate civil charges by the SEC against Milken, the former head of Drexel's junk bond division who resigned from the firm last week. Milken also has been indicted on criminal fraud and racketeering charges stemming from his activities at Drexel.

"This settlement will bring to a close 2 1/2 difficult years for Drexel, its employees and its clients," Drexel lawyer Thomas Curran said in court.

Curran said approval of the pact would allow Drexel lawyer Thomas Curran said in court.

Cunning said approval of the pact would allow Drexel "to go forward and devote its time and energies to the service of its clients."

Thomas Newkirk, the SEC's chief litigation counsel in the Drexel case, asked Pollack to approve the settlement quickly so Drexel could adopt the settlement provisions designed to "protect investors" and continue to co-operate with the government.

"This co-operation is essential not only to the commission's ongoing investigations but to investigations being conducted by the United States attorney," Newkirk said.

The settlement requires Drexel to overhaul its securities law compliance operations, top management and some trading departments and to submit to three years of close SEC scrutiny. It does not take effect until the criminal plea bargain with the Justice Department is approved.

US District Judge Kimba Wood now is expected to begin considering the deal reached in December over the criminal case against Drexel by the Manhattan US attorney's office.

The SEC pact marks another milestone in the government's three-year investigation of white-collar corruption on Wall Street that began with former Drexel executive Dennis Levine and led to arbitrator Ivan Boesky, who paid \$100 million to settle civil insider trading charges with the SEC.

Boesky's confessions led the government to Drexel, which agreed to settle in part because of the possibility of a broad racketeering indictment that could have put the nation's fifth-largest securities firm out of business.

Big tariff increases planned

Argentina braces for tough economic programme

BUENOS AIRES, June 21, (Reuters): President-elect Carlos Menem, who takes office on July 8, is preparing a tough programme of big tariff increases and a currency devaluation to pull Argentina out of its worst ever economic crisis.

A top Menem economic advisor said today, "It's remarkable how tough this programme will be."

The aide, who asked not to be named, told Reuters the incoming government would hike public sector service and tariff charges by at least 60 per cent to reduce the widening gap between government income and spending, the main cause of Argentina's skyrocketing inflation.

The battered austral currency, which has lost over 95 per cent of its value against the US dollar since early February, will be devalued even further to encourage exports. The austral would almost certainly be replaced with another currency, he added.

Jose Manuel de la Sota, a senior member of Menem's Peronist Party, said the movement, which has its power base in the working class, was counting on support from the trade unions.

"It is impossible to break out of a hyper-inflationary cycle without social cost," De La Sota said in an interview published in La Nacion newspaper yesterday.

He said most of the burden of the new measures would fall on those who could best afford it, although it was clear that every sector of society would have to bear some of the cost.

Government officials estimate the rise in living costs in June at nearly 100 per cent against 78.5 per

cent in May.

Rampant inflation, rising unemployment and falling real wages led to bloody food riots last month in which 15 people died and hundreds were injured.

Menem has promised a "productive revolution" which would cure the ailing economy by channelling the country's capital and labour towards an export-led recovery.

Finance Minister designate Miguel Roig this week was putting the finishing touches to the programme which he said would include far-reaching tax and public sector reforms to cut the public sector deficit, estimated at 15 per cent of Argentina's gross domestic product.

Menem's aides expected government spending to be cut sharply with big staff cuts likely in both money-losing state companies and the civil service.

Menem's future Foreign Minister, economist Domingo Cavallo, said at the weekend that Argentina would not resume payments on its \$60 billion foreign debt until order had been restored to the economy.

"All our efforts will be concentrated on stopping inflation, which has reached 100 per cent monthly, putting the public sector in order and creating conditions for growth," he told a news conference in Caracas while attending a regional meeting of senior Latin American government officials.

Argentina effectively ceased servicing its debt in May last year and as since built up interest and other arrears of around \$4 billion.

Import expansion urged

TOKYO, June 21, (AP): Japan's top trade official today urged hundreds of the nation's major companies to increase their imports to help reduce Japan's huge global trade surpluses.

Seiroku Kajiyama, Minister of International Trade and Industry, told representatives from 162 trading houses, manufacturers and other companies in the Tokyo metropolitan area that Japan's imports of manufactured products last year rose 30 per cent from the year before.

"With further determination and action by major companies, I hope Japan will steadily pave the way for a road toward becoming a major importer," Kajiyama told the representatives called to the ministry.

A similar request by Kajiyama will be sent to another 151 major Japanese companies located outside of Tokyo, said Kazuo Hoshino, a ministry spokesman.

Japan's trading partners have called on the country to boost its imports to achieve balanced world trade.

Japanese firms gang up to foil racketeers

TOKYO, June 21, (Reuters): More than 1,000 Japanese companies have ganged up to foil racketeers who extort money by threatening to disrupt their annual shareholders' meetings.

The firms, representing more than 90 per cent of those listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange whose business year ended in March, plan to hold all their meetings on the same day, June 29.

"They're doing it to deter thugs," Peter Tasker, a senior analyst at Kleinwort Benson International said. "They finally got fed up with being blackmailed."

Companies have now adopted the strategy for three years running to combat the people known as "Sokaiya."

Japanese companies have traditionally offered the racketeers financial inducements in return for promises not to disrupt the shareholders' meetings or otherwise disclose unfavourable information

about a firm or its executives.

Companies that did not pay up, paid the price.

In a well-remembered incident in 1984, disgruntled Sokaiya stretched out Sony's annual meeting for almost 14 exhausting hours by repeatedly asking embarrassing questions.

That was after the government revised its commercial law in 1982 to make payoffs to Sokaiya illegal and to prevent racketeers who hold only one share from attending the meetings.

Under the revised law, only shareholders owning stocks with face value of over 50,000 yen (\$345) can attend meetings.

The usual face value of Japanese stock is 50 yen (three cents).

After the legal change, Sokaiya branched out into publishing magazines full of corporate gossip, forcing the companies to buy all the copies, securities experts said.

In recent years, according to some experts, Sokaiya activities have become less overt, but have by no means vanished. Tokyo police estimate there were about 900 Sokaiya operating in Tokyo at the end of last year and some 3,300 in all Japan.

"They are not so visible publicly, but in the shadows, their various contacts with company officials in charge of shareholders' meetings remain pretty much unchanged," said a Japanese broker.

"Companies are still paying them off, but no so openly because it is against the law."

The Recruit scandal, in which scores of public figures received shares or money from the publishing and telecommunications company in return for favours, has made firms more circumspect about payoffs, analysts said.

Besides Sokaiya, another factor helps

explain companies' penchant for racketeers — a view that such gatherings are rituals more than a means of conveying information to investors, they said.

"Companies don't see any reason to disclose information at the meetings, so there is no reason for the meetings to be very long," said a Japanese securities analyst.

"If stable shareholders want information, they have other routes to get it," the analyst added. "Besides, shareholders are supposed to open their purses, not their mouths."

Two companies at least can expect some tough questions on June 29, but not from Sokaiya.

One is Koito Manufacturing Company, a Toyota affiliate in which US corporate raider T. Boone Pickens has acquired a 20.2 per cent stake.

Strike chaos hits UK commuters

Inflation at 8.3pc

LONDON, June 21, (Reuters): Millions of Britons struggled to work today when 24-hour strikes paralysed the national rail network and brought all public transport to a halt in London.

The longest day of the year was marked by the biggest strike wave of the year. It was the first national railway shutdown since 1982 and London bore the brunt of the chaos, with its underground trains and most buses also hit by pay stoppages.

Traffic congestion built up early in major cities across the country as commuters took to the roads. Others resorted to bicycles or simply walked to work, with the prospect of the same chaos on the way home. It was the first time London had been hit by a simultaneous stoppage of trains, underground railways and buses since the general strike of 1926.

Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said travellers would face further disruption if state-owned British Rail did not improve the seven per cent pay offer it has imposed on workers.

"Until we get some movement from BR I think it is inevitable that more action will be planned," he said.

One desperate commuter used a skateboard to beat the strike. "I heard a rumbling noise and then suddenly this chap — complete with pin-striped suit and briefcase — whizzed past on a skateboard," said city dealer Claude Brown, who walked to work.

The strikes are the latest in a series of disputes to hit Britain, where workers have felt squeezed by inflation at 8.3 per cent, one of the highest rates in the industrialised world.

Railwaymen and London's bus and underground train drivers have already staged lightning strikes and overtime bans over pay in recent months, but not all on the same day.

In the capital, hotels were packed and companies sought to beat the strikes by putting up workers overnight.

Coach and taxi companies reported booming business, but many people eased the congestion by simply staying at home to enjoy the sunshine.

Others struggled in by road to find car parks overflowing and no chance of any lifting of tough parking restrictions.

Extension approved

Petroleum reserve

WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): The House of Representatives yesterday approved a limited, eight-month extension of the strategic petroleum reserve, the nation's oil reservoir in the event of a repeat of the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo.

On a voice vote, the House authorised the Energy Department to continue filling the reserve with 60,000 to 78,000 barrels of oil daily through next February, but postponed decisions on several key issues on how the stockpile may be used.

The Senate approved similar legislation two weeks ago, but extended the programme for another five years and raised the ceiling on the reserve from 750 million barrels to one billion barrels early in the next century.

In response to oil price surges after the Exxon Valdez tanker spill in Alaska two months ago, the Senate also expanded President George Bush's authority to tap the reserve for domestic as well as foreign supply interruptions.

The House included none of those measures in its bill, saying it wanted to give its Energy and Commerce Committee as well as the Energy Department time to weigh the implications of any new policy directions.

Mammals: the most advanced animals in the world

MAMMALS are the most advanced group of animals. They are warm-blooded animals; they are generally covered in fur; most keep their young inside them until they are quite well developed; and they suckle their young after they are born.

The mammals evolved from a group of reptiles called the Therapsids. The earliest mammals were small and shrew-like. They lived at the same time as the last of the large dinosaurs. When the dinosaurs became extinct, mammals were able to spread and fill all the habitats that had previously been occupied by reptiles. By 50 million years ago, 28 different orders (groups) of mammals existed. But by 5 million years ago, 10 of these orders had become extinct, leaving the 18 orders of mammals that exist today.

Most primitive and most intelligent

The two most primitive groups of mammals are the monotremes and the marsupials. But the true mammals began with the insectivores (insect eaters). The earliest members of this group gave rise to the rest of the mammals. Modern insectivores include shrews, moles, and hedgehogs.

The most closely related order to the insectivores is that of the primates. Some of the members of this group are very intelligent. Man, the most intelligent of the primates, is now the most successful animal in the world, although he began to evolve only about 15 million years ago. The other primates include the lemurs, lorises, tarsiers, monkeys, and apes.

The bats belong to an order by themselves. They

are the only mammals that fly by flapping their wings. The other 'flying' mammals, such as the flying squirrel, only glide and soar.

The flying lemur is the only living member of its group. All the rest are extinct. The folds of skin between its front and hind limbs form a kind of parachute, which it uses to glide from tree to tree.

The edentates are the armadillos, sloths, and

ant-eaters. Armadillos have bony plates in their skin, which gives them armoured protection. Ant-eaters have long snouts and tongues for scooping up ants. In contrast, the sloths have short, rounded snouts. They live in trees, hanging from the branches by their claws.

The scaly ant-eaters, or pangolins, belong to a separate order. Their bodies are covered in horny scales. They are all nocturnal (active by night), and eat ants and termites. Some of them live in open grassland, others are able to climb trees.

After man, rodents are the next most successful animals in the world. There are over 2000 species. The main characteristic of a rodent is two pairs of sharp growing teeth, or incisors, at the front of the mouth. All rodents spend most of their time gnawing, and their name comes from the Latin word rodere, which means to gnaw. Among the rodents there are many varieties of rat. Beavers, mice, porcupines, and squirrels are also rodents. Rabbits and hares, although they are similar to rodents, belong to a different order, the lagomorphs.

There are two orders of carnivorous (meat-eating)

animals, the Carnivora and the Cetacea. The Cetacea are all mammals that have become adapted to life in water. They include the whales, dolphins, and porpoises. Although these animals resemble fishes, they have most of the characteristics of mammals. They give birth to live young, and then suckle them. The Carnivora include dogs, cats, bears, weasles, otters, civets, mongooses, seals, and sea-lions.

Hoofed mammals
Hoofed mammals (or ungulates) belong to two large orders, the artiodactyls and the perissodactyls. Hoofed mammals all walk on the tips of their toes. Artiodactyls have an even number of toes; perissodactyls have an odd number of toes. Ungulates are herbivores (plant eaters), and they have developed several methods of protection from carnivorous (meat-eating) animals. Some are swift runners, some have excellent camouflage colouring, and others have thick skins that are difficult to penetrate. The artiodactyls include pigs, hippopotamuses, camels, deer, giraffes, cattle, goats, and sheep. The perissodactyls include horses and rhinoceroses. Elephants are related to

the ungulates, but belong to a separate order. Conies, or hyraxes, are also related to ungulates. They are small herbivorous animals that live in a similar way to rabbits. Another ungulate relative is the aardvark, which is the only living member of its order. The last living order of mammals is the Sirenia, or sea cows. These herbivorous animals live in water. They include the dugongs.

Mammals that lay eggs

MOST mammals keep their young inside their bodies until they are born. But there is one group of mammals that lay eggs in the same way as reptiles. From the eggs the young hatch. These monotremes, as they are called, are in other ways like mammals: they are warm-blooded, have fur, and suckle their young. All mammals originally evolved from reptiles. Monotremes have merely retained some of their reptilian habits.

There are two kinds of monotremes, the duck-billed platypus and the echidna, or spiny anteater. The platypus is found only in southern Australia, where it lives in lakes and streams. The female lays her eggs in a burrow in the bank of the stream. She keeps them



A young calf takes a feed of milk from its mother. A mother's milk is the perfect food for her babies, for it contains all the necessary materials in just the right amounts.

warm by holding them against her body.

All the five species of echidnas are found in Australia and New Guinea. A female echidna lays only one egg at a time, and she places this in a small pouch.

When the young echidna hatches, it is suckled in the pouch until it is ready to leave.

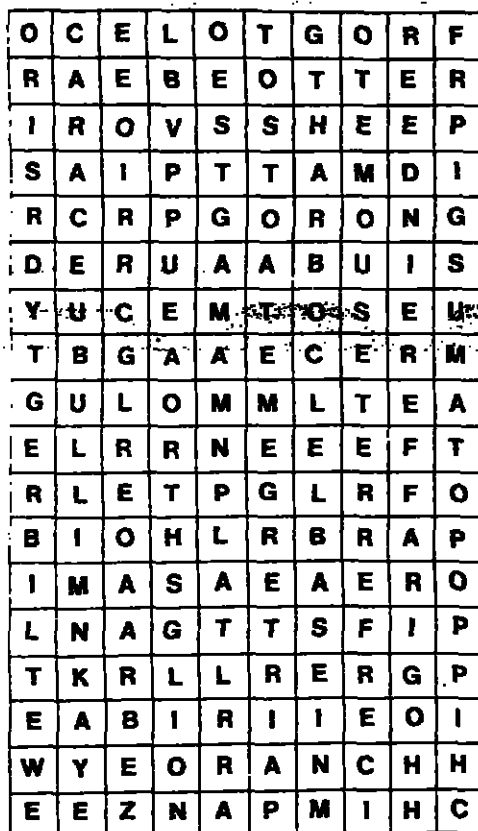
True mammals give birth to their young when they are fairly well

developed. Marsupials, on the other hand, give birth to young which are tiny and not very developed. Until they have developed further, they have to live in the mother's pouch.

Kangaroos are probably the best-known marsupials. At birth the young kangaroo is only 2 to 3 cm long. It manages to crawl through the mother's fur and climb into the pouch.

Continued next week

Word search



Clue: Striped 'cat' (5 letters)

AROUND THE ZOO

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|--------------|----------|
| GERBIL | SABLE |
| GIRAFFE | SCREAMER |
| HIPPOPOTAMUS | SHEEP |
| HORSE | STOAT |
| LAMB | TAPIR |
| LEMUR | TURTLE |
| LION | YAK |
| LLAMA | ZEBRA |
| MOUSE | |
| NILGAI | |
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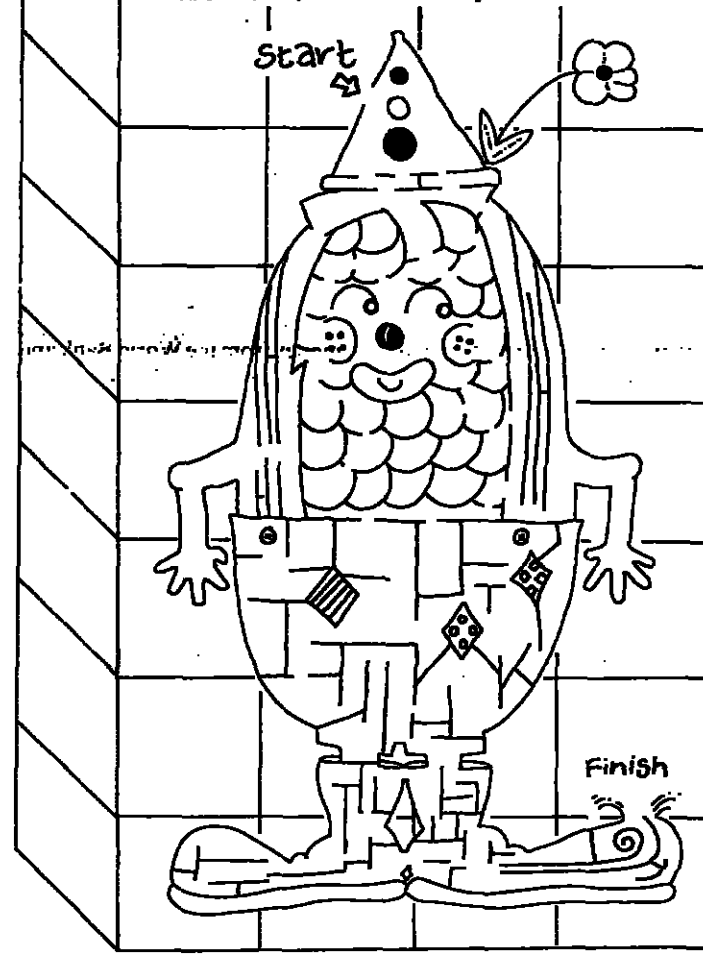
Colouring time

Have you seen these animals in real life? Where do they live? Which other animals live in the same place? Colour the animals in their natural colours.



CRAZY CORN

Doesn't Corny look amazing? Start in his hat and finish on his toe, but don't cross any lines.



Dear Junior Readers,

Health is something most humans take for granted. How often have you thanked the Lord for your good health? It is not often one remembers to do so unless he sees, not even hears, but sees, children who are ill or disabled in one way or another.

While most of you are carrying on your daily activities, playing, reading, watching the television or listening to the radio, cooking or even cleaning up, many innocent children all around the world are suffering from diseases, ranging from the common cold, to those caused by poverty like typhoid and malaria to genetic diseases like Down's syndrome to cancer and AIDS.

So next time you get ready to pray, make sure that a warm thanks to good health is at the top of your "thank-you" list. We don't want you falling ill and then wishing that you were outside playing instead of stuck in bed, do we?

Manal.

Fun in the kitchen

INGREDIENTS

- 150g (6 oz) caster sugar
- 150g (6 oz) margarine
- 150g (6 oz) self-raising flour
- 3 eggs (size 2-3)
- 1 tablespoonful cocoa dissolved in 1 tablespoonful hot water

EQUIPMENT

- 2 X 18 cm (7 in) or 20cm (8 in) sandwich tins
- 1 Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350°F/180°C).
- 2 Follow the method for either the all-in-one or the creamed mixture
- 3 Add the cocoa and mix well.
- 4 Share the mixture between the two tins and put in the oven.
- 5 Bake for 25-30 minutes.
- 6 Turn out onto a wire rack and allow to cool.

Decoration

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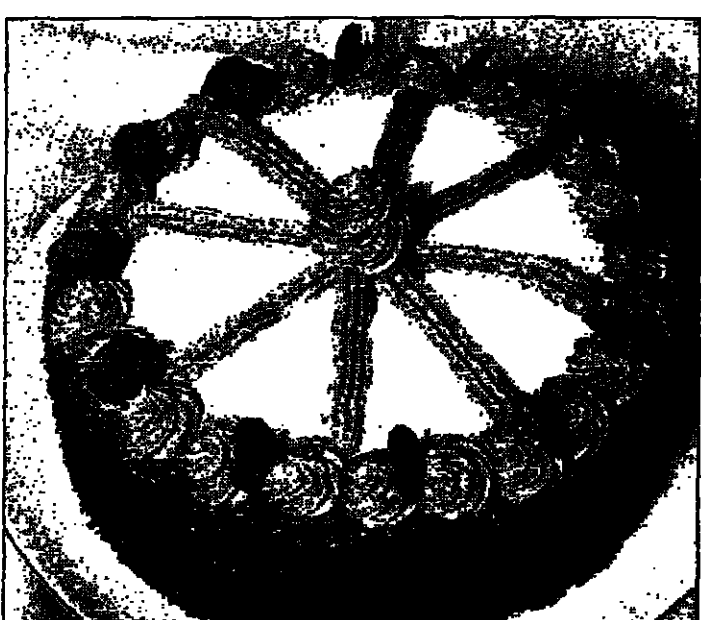
- 300g (12 oz) icing sugar
- 150g (6 oz) butter
- 1 tablespoonful hot water
- 100g-150g (4 oz-6oz) chocolate vermicelli (sugar strands), chocolate buttons or chocolate flake

EQUIPMENT

- Basin
- Wooden spoon
- Knife
- Icing bag
- Number 8 or number 14 icing nozzle
- Greaseproof paper
- Plate

- Sift icing sugar into a basin and add butter. Cream them both together. Add the liquid cocoa and mix well.
- Sandwich the two cakes together with a small amount of the butter icing.
- Spread some of the icing around the sides
- Place the vermicelli onto greaseproof paper and using both hands, one on top and one on the base, turn the cake around so that the sides become covered in the sugar strands.
- Place on a serving plate and sprinkle the top of the cake

- with icing sugar.
- Put the remaining icing in an icing bag fitted with a number 8 or 14 nozzle.
- Pipe a border round the cake top, then take the icing across from side to side finishing with a swirl in the middle. Add chocolate buttons or chocolate flake for decoration.

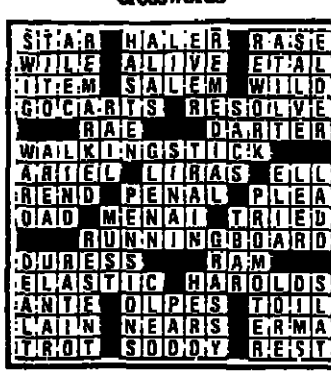


Happy birthday

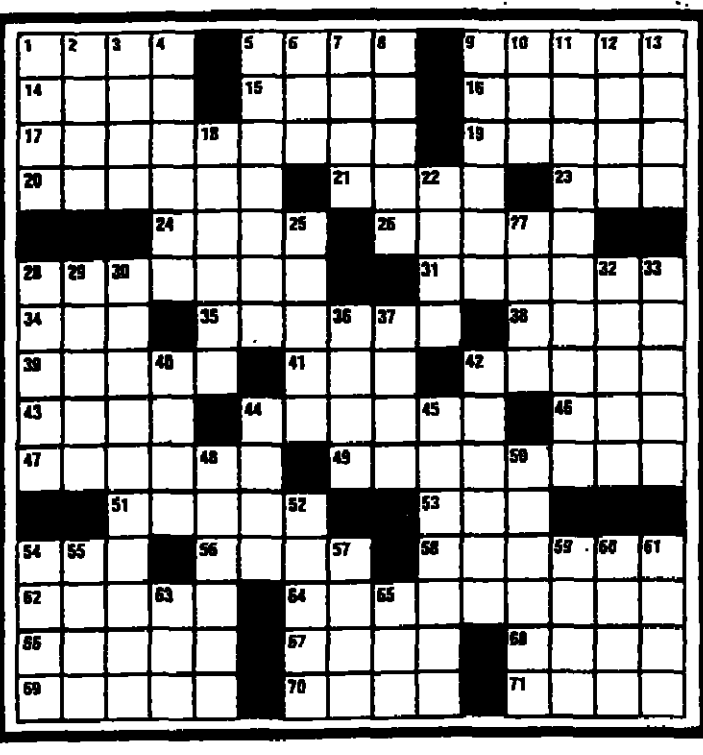


Majda R'az celebrated her 8th birthday last week. Many happy returns and best wishes from family, relatives and friends.

Solutions to Tuesday's crossword



Crossword



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| ACROSS | 24 Military school letters | 49 Flattened dough anew | 18 Sycophants |
| 1 Links sport | 26 Paper | 51 A Bailey | 22 "It — Very Good Year" |
| 5 Welshman | 28 Conniver | 53 Hwy | 25 Pointer |
| 9 Vestments | 31 Uncrowded | 54 Wolfed | 27 A Cantrell |
| 14 Currency-exchange fee | 34 Article | 56 Spinnaker | 28 Sharpener |
| 15 Gray, as if with age | 35 Corrigenda | 58 Pianist's direction | 29 Recliner |
| 16 Candlestick | 38 — bene | 62 Musical groups | 30 Fictional alarmist |
| 17 No big deal | 39 Continued at length | 64 Creeping plant | 32 Martin or Allen |
| 19 Actress Jessica | 41 One — kind | 66 A Ford | 33 Relaxed |
| 20 Sowing machine | 42 Sammy and Danny | 67 — back (requited) | 36 In the distance |
| 21 Goldie of films | 43 Piggery | 68 "I smell —" | 37 Appropriate |
| 23 Numerals: abbr. | 44 Rouse | 69 Torte tier | 40 Migrant worker |
| | 46 Greeting | 70 Havens for wayfarers | 42 Puzzlingly complex |
| | 47 Wielding a crowbar | 71 Plaything | 44 Taj Mahal's city |
| | | | 45 Short trips |
| | | | 48 A Sadat predecessor |
| | | | 50 Latitude |
| | | | 52 Fra Lippo — |
| | | | 54 First victim |
| | | | 55 GWTW locale |
| | | | 57 Skinny |
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| | | | 61 Lyricist |
| | | | 63 Sine — |
| | | | 65 Author |
| | | | Anal |

Pakistan's disco sensation disappoints Indian fans, media

Pop singer blows hot ... and cold

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

AFTER many rumours and a lot of mystery surrounding him, the *Hawa Hawa* boy Hassan Jehangir finally paid a visit to India and its film capital Bombay. But when this pop singer of Pakistan went back, he did not leave behind a good impression or a lingering feeling.

Much before he came, his two songs *Hawa Hawa* and *Aa Jaana, dil hai diwana* had become a rage in India, although none of his other numbers were even modestly popular. Super Cassettes owned by Gulshan Kumar of Delhi were quick to cash in on the craze, and issued a cassette with 13 of his songs entitled *Beat Music: Disco Leader, Hassan Jehangir 89*.

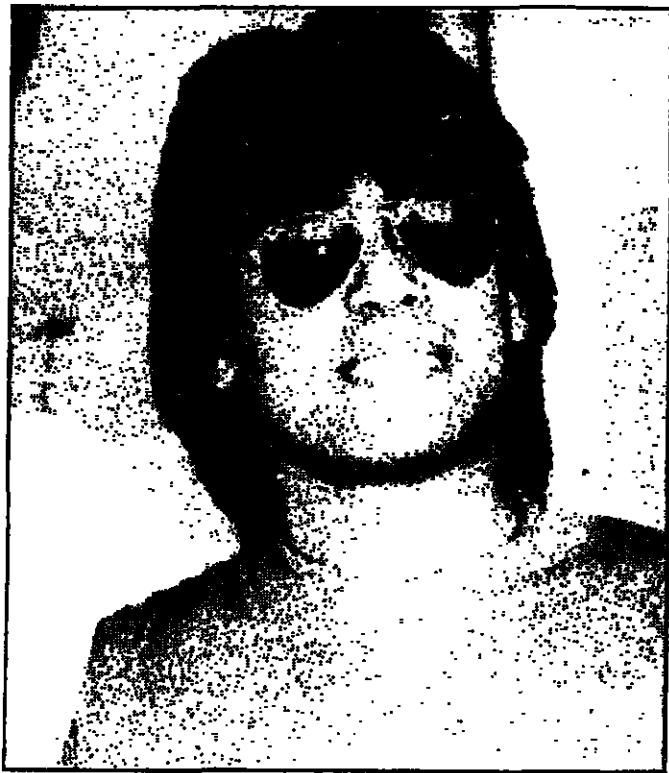
Indian composers and producers who sometimes think that the term copyright means the right to copy were also quick in using the catchy *Hawa* tune to turn out half a dozen numbers, for different films including *Billoo Badshah*.

Then there were wild and silly rumours, especially among the younger folk that Hassan had either died or had been killed. Thus the news of his India trip was received first with doubt, and then with joyful expectation. Even on the day of his arrival, there were stories of an air crash. But he landed safe and sound, with an airport welcome by young composers Nadeem and Shrivani. Another rumour was that he had one false eye.

Bombay then went on a spree playing his hit songs at various functions and public places. *Hawa Hawa* was all the air everywhere and it seemed the fever would grip a majority of people in the megapolis. But Hassan's own attitude soon began to blow away all the pleasant breeze. His friend and manager in Bombay, Babu Sharif, did nothing to improve his image, nor the few other people surrounding him. They managed to offend the press as well as the public.

The first blow came at a hastily called press conference. While busy journalists sat twiddling their thumbs, Hassan was more than two hours late. Some of the press people had made an exit by then. Questions were answered by Hassan in a perfunctory evasive way, not satisfying anybody and exposing his broken English. He referred to Bappi Lahiri as *Some Laher Laher*. He was not clear as to what action would be taken for the copyright of *Hawa Hawa*.

The next fiasco occurred at his first-ever concert arranged at an open air hall in the crowded Dadar area. The show was at 7 pm, but Hassan came three hours late. The audience had grown restless and the place looked almost vacant. When Hassan arrived, the gates had to be reopened for all and sundry to get a crowd. Then he sang till the late hours, with the free audience whistling and shouting. Many people wondered why Hassan was always so late, when he had come to Bombay specifically for this purpose and had nothing else to do. The worst straw



Hassan Jehangir: blow hot, blow cold

came when another programme arranged four days later at the huge Shanmukhanand Hall was cancelled.

His fans gave him up as an unlikely and moody chap. His voice was also found to uneven and dry, when heard at close quarters. Possibly *Hawa Hawa* had become a freak hit due to the tune and the alluring female chorus of the Salma sisters. The film industry folks did not bother about Hassan. Except for Nadeem Shrivani recording *Apna ka dil hai aware* at studio beat recording room for Munna Rizvi's "Solah Satrah", no other composer used Hassan's voice, although Anna Malik provided an orchestra for his programme. Next time, perhaps, Pakistan should send a better cultural ambassador.



Jackie Shroff

Jackie: I am choosy

- Q. It seems you are back in reckoning after "Ram Lakhan".
- A. Yes, though it was not expected. In advance previews it was said that I had a serious and small role.
- Q. In any case, Anil Kapoor has got away with the plum prize and "pausa".
- A. Well, depends on the way you look at it. Some people have liked me more, as the sober sensible guy.
- Q. Do you feel that only your tie-up with Anil will bring you super success?
- A. Not necessarily. I have had solo hits before. Even now I am doing films which show excellent signs, like *Gang*, *Angaar* and *Parinda* and *Kaala Bazar*.
- Q. But, you were not exactly loaded with films after *Ram Lakhan*?
- A. I did not accept some offers like those from Shekhar Kapoor for *Dushmani* and properly. You may say, in that sense, I am copying Anil... I am choosy.
- Q. But was there some other reason for your leaving Bokadia's new film *Kam Sane Faridi*?
- A. What?
- Q. Anupam Kher was in the film? Did you have a tiff with his wife?
- A. No, no. The reason was the mini guest role that was offered to me. The small argument with Kher's wife Kiran Thakur Singh did occur, for a different reason. I was shooting in some bad risky areas of old Delhi for *Parinda*. At a late hour, Kiran came there bringing my wife Ayesha, at which I got angry. Kiran told me that I should behave. My answer was a bit harsh, but necessary.
- Q. Then, is that the reason why Anupam Kher has kept away from *Angaar* after signing it?
- A. That is between him and director Shashilal Nayar. He was first given the role of the police commissioner and then asked to play the Mafia Don. He refused. How do I come into it?
- Q. The financier of *Angaar* is said to have backed out. And now you are backing the film, with your money?
- A. After the big "baazi" set, one financier decided to withdraw. But Shashilal found another good banker. Please put it on record, I never finance films in which I act.

Behind the Screen

The most confidential by-pass heart surgery was performed on doyen Dilip Kumar, some time back in London. Even the "fil-malas" did not get a whiff of it. Dilip has now recovered, but his doctor denies all this. Composer R. D. Burman also had a heart attack. But people were told that he was busy with income-tax problems. Yet the secret was out within a few days.

Little Neelam is also growing too big for her boots (and dresses). On the one hand her weight is not helping her in getting roles as a top mature heroine. On the other she is giving up films by directors who are unsuccessful. She did it to Sisir Mishra of *Billoo Badshah*. During the shooting of his film *Khoon Jawaab Dega*, she pretended that a stuntman misbehaved with her and left the film. Can't these stars be bound down by a tight contract or an insurance threat?

Veteran A. K. Hangal attending a silly awards function was asked to hand over a trophy to gas-bag Jankidas. Hangal refused not knowing that he would raise a storm. Jankidas got

his supporters to write letters to editors condemning. Hangal, calling him arrogant, and an upstart etc, compared to the so-called veteran Jankidas. People should know that the number of years spent in the industry doing routine bit roles cannot compare with high artistry shown in a few films even at a ripe age.

Randhir and Rajeev Kapoor are at war again, not over the *Henna* role but at the use of the R.K. banner for Rajeev's own production. Not having any acting jobs on hand, R.K.'s youngest son wants to re-start *Prem Granthi*. He already has a company called Champion Films. But he wants the famous R.K. banner to present the film. And big brother has put his big foot down.

Posters screaming *Chunkey Pandey ka boycott* cropped up all over the suburb, at the time one of his releases. It meant nothing more than putting Chunkey in big bold letters and getting indirect publicity. Why should anyone call for a boycott of Chunkey? Still his family blamed the whole thing on Govinda.

Star quotes ... star quotes ...

Anupam Kher: In the film industry they give you lots of chances, if you have proved successful in the past. They think you might do it again. That's why, the same people keep trying. Otherwise, all those come-backs would be mathematically impossible.

Sri Devi: I don't prepare for any role these days. The director just gives me a briefing on the set itself and then you are learning for yourself. You have just a few minutes left to sink into the character. So where is the question of preparing? Anurita Singh: Sri Devi has got

that look which gets the chavanni clingers by their ... you know what. I don't have a round face, false eye-lashes etc. like a commercial heroine. So I don't figure in the game of number 1, number 2 etc.

Ranbir: Once an air-hostess who had been harassed by Raj Kumar did all his three wigs. For three days he could not come out of the hotel room. Then a frantic call to London brought a fresh wig and he attended his shooting.

IT was in all the papers. A young woman in Palm Beach, Fla., named Tomontra Mangrum was stood up by her 17-year-old date who had promised to take her to the high school prom. Tomontra did what any jilted young woman would do — she filed a lawsuit to recoup the cost of her new shoes, her hairdo plus the flowers for her hair.

Wait, there is more... The defendant, Marlon Shadd, says that he had fractured his ankle and had informed Miss Mangrum a week before that he would not be able to take her to the dance.

It must be obvious to anyone reading this that the only way this dispute can be resolved is to turn it over to the lawyers.

Something about this story was familiar. My mind went back to my youth when the situation was very different from the one we have now. Those were the Roosevelt years when many more men than women were stood up. I can remember at least 10 — no, make it 12 — occasions when I arrived at a young woman's door only to be informed by her father that

The Art Buchwald Column

Stood up

she had already left for the evening.

In those days, corsages did not grow on trees — nor did tickets to the Paramount Theater on Broadway. We're talking about five bucks for the entire package, but they were 1940 dollars, worth about \$100,000 today.

Yet, no matter how cruel the rejection, the last thing I would have done in that distant time and place would have been to sue the girl who wasn't there. The fact is I respected her for seeing through me, and for giving me a lower opinion of myself than I had ever had before.

It just wasn't in teenagers to seek out a lawyer's help to resolve our lovers' quarrels. Most of us didn't even know a lawyer, which is more than can be said for the affluent kids of today, who usually have one attorney living on either

side of them.

Instead of taking our case to court, we suffered — sometimes for weeks and, if it was serious enough, even a month. We wove fantasies in which we went off to join the Navy, came back in uniform and then refused to dance with the girl who had broken our heart. We never wanted monetary satisfaction — we only wanted the one who had wronged us to weep tears and beg forgiveness.

Those of us who grew up in the '40s, '50s and even '60s did not wish for a black-robed judge to mete out justice against the person who had stood us up. We dealt with our sorrow alone.

So back to Miss Mangrum who, I am sure, is quite lovely. Yet, according to Marlon, she suffers from a communication problem. The reason that her suit has

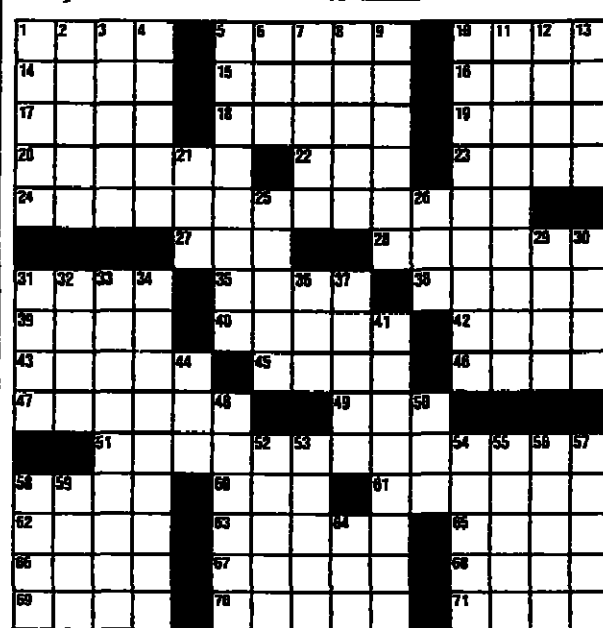
today's parents unnerved is that young people are breaking dates all the time, and if they're going to be dragged into court for it, they'll never get their homework done.

In one of the newspapers, I read that Marlon's mother offered to compensate Tomontra for her expenses, but Tomontra's mother refused, saying that Marlon had to be taught a lesson.

What kind of lesson could Marlon possibly be taught, you may be wondering? He claims that he gave Tomontra notice and therefore he is not responsible for Miss Mangrum being left standing in the hall in her prom dress. I know that there are many people who say Tomontra has no case, but that's the kind lawyers like best.

All over America teenagers are awaiting the outcome. The price of suing may be very high. The terrible thing is that if Miss Mangrum wins the \$50, she will never know if the boys who ask her out are inviting her for herself or because of her money. 1989, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Wingding
 - Discordant
 - ball
 - Italian noble
 - Molokai
 - greeting
 - River near Pisa
 - Where Bhutan is
 - Weather word
 - Whined
 - City trains, for short
 - Pay up
 - Scottish dance
 - Daughter of Cadmus
 - Blind by affection
 - Hairdo
 - Prehistoric tool
 - English Channel
 - Gumbo
 - Walter —
 - Disney
 - away (saved)
 - Call
 - Dispatched
 - Tight and defensive
 - Probing devices
 - Sticky stuff
 - Waltz or foxtrot
 - Soon
 - Goal
 - Goes cycling
- DOWN**
- The — Boys
 - Very, in music
 - Scam
 - Moor
 - Mexican tribute
 - To Terpsichore
 - king
 - Tied
 - Mantel
 - Squabble
 - Provencal
 - Syracuse player
 - One
 - Eagle or
 - Ranger
 - Actor Wajlach
 - Carols
 - Ballot winners
 - During
 - Carise and scarlet
 - a plea
 - Rios
 - Jamaica
 - Unyielding
 - Castanet
 - dances
- 36 Location**
- Latin-American dance
 - Savoy dancers?
 - Lamprey
 - Zigzag
 - car race
 - Canticle
 - Lariat
 - Overlooks
 - Fit
 - Lowest point
 - Identical copy
 - Emerson's forte
 - 58 month
 - Parental admonition
 - Tennis call

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THAT ELUSIVE EXTRA CHANCE

East-West vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ K 10 8
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 7 4 2

WEST
♠ A K Q 8 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q 10
♣ K 10 6

EAST
♠ 7 4 3
♥ 2
♦ J 9 5 4 2
♣ J 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ 5
♥ A Q J 7 6 4
♦ A 7
♣ A Q 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 NT Pass Pass 4 ♠
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠
Sometimes it is easy to spot the extra chance that could make the difference between success and failure at a contract. Other times, however, the winning line can be concealed deep in a tangled forest. Can you spot where it is on this hand?

Most players in the modern style do not mind opening one no trump with a weak doubleton and a five-card major. West did just that and South, looking at a four-loser hand, elected to gamble on finding something of value with partner. Admittedly he bid his hand to the hilt, but he really had no good alternative.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
CIVIL GLEN PAINT
ONEAL RENE EPIE
ABILE INVECTIVE
LEW BENT DARNED
KING ESSE
DETECTORS ELLIS
ELAPSE HEAD ONE
LILL RAILS LODI
TAE ASIN PIETIN
ASSAM REMINISC
BOB'S ARAS
ANKARA ADES LOS
CONTESTED NOONE
ISSE TIRE INLET
DEED EMIR TOAST

Against four hearts, West led the king of spades and, when partner followed with the three, chose to shift to the king of diamonds. It might seem that the fate of the contract hinged on finding East with the king of clubs. If that were indeed the case, declarer was faced with a lost cause, because West virtually had to have that card for his no trump opener.

But the dummy hand had an unlikely resource that declarer was able to exploit—the spade suit! He took his ace of diamonds and crossed to the table with a low trump to the eight. Next came the jack of spades, on which declarer stuffed his losing diamond instead of ruffing. When West won this trick with the queen, declarer could claim his contract.

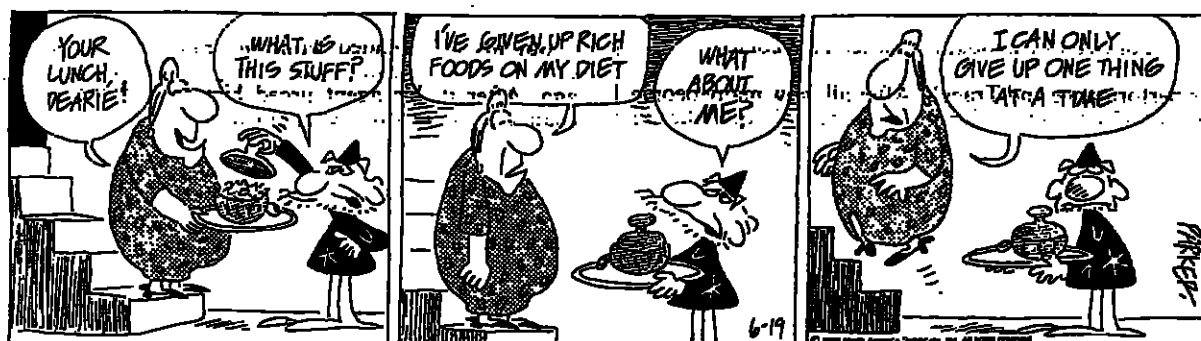
South ruffed the diamond continuation, returned to the table with the ten of trumps, in the process extracting the last of the enemy fangs, and led the ten of spades, discarding a club from hand. In with the ace of spades, West was helpless. Dummy's nine of spades was established and there was still a trump as an entry so that declarer could discard the queen of clubs. All he lost was three spade tricks!



"... and no giggling thru the night - I don't want you setting me husband off!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not hesitate to show your gratitude rather than taking another person's generosity for granted. You should not allow your inner peace of mind to be disturbed. Try not to waste any time. Be alert.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have the will to do what has to be done and therefore find the way to do so. A little more commonsense and a lot more patience is what is needed right now. You should however avoid change for the sake of change. Be tolerant.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have plenty of energy and initiative but you must make sure you do not lose your way. Others will have a different opinion from yours and you should respect their point of view. Take better care of your health. Be magnanimous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Things will not go quite the way you would have wished but you will be able to make the best of the situation. You should not try to do more than one thing at a time just now. Try to be a little kinder to those older than you. Be sincere.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Others will not quite agree with you, and rather than losing your temper with them you should try to compromise. You should not spend too much time on a bobby. Make sure you do not leave any urgent bills unpaid. Be determined.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should try harder to keep your mind on what you are doing. If you are beginning to put on weight then you are eating and/or drinking too much. Try not to become involved in what does not really concern you. Your lucky numbers are 36 and 3.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be in the right mood to tackle a problem but you must try to be most methodical about it. Do not keep another person waiting. Have the courage of your convictions. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will not be in the best of moods and must avoid treading on other people's toes. You should try not to allow shyness to stand in your way — you are in no way inferior. The prospects are good only you must work hard. Be less solemn.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be more successful than you had hoped for. Deal with your own problems but do not create problems for others. Show just a little more goodwill and magnanimity. Be resolute.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

A financial problem will have to be dealt with without further delay. You may have some good luck, but you must not rely on it. Avoid getting into serious debt. Be less insistent.



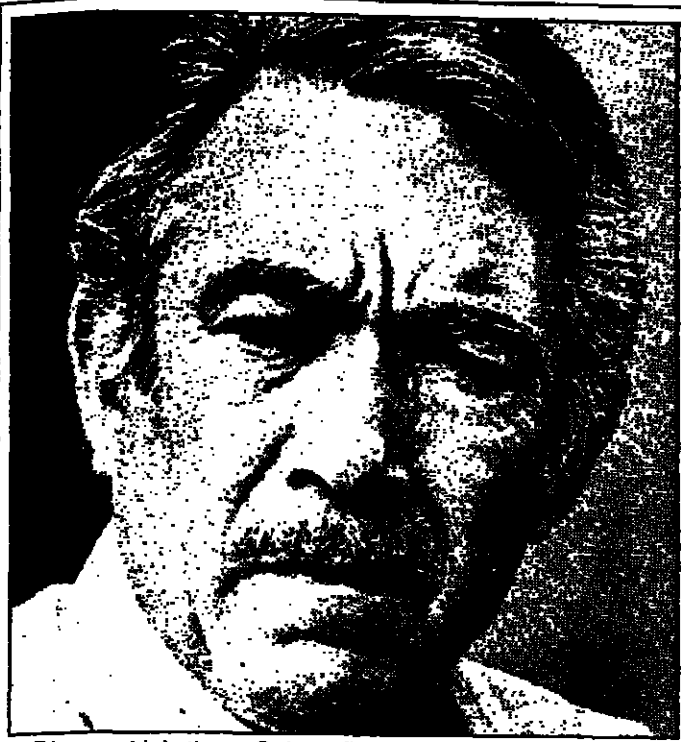
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to see just what is just and what is not. You should not be quite so quick and keen to criticize. Instead be more ready to praise where praise is due. Be prompt.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You are a little too liable to get bogged down in detail and should do all you can to combat the tendency. If others are bad mannered towards you, do not behave that way towards them. Keep your wits very much about you. Be loyal.



74-year-old Anthony Quinn will play the role of the ancient fisherman, in a new version of 'The Old Man and The Sea.'

Quinn takes on a new challenge

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI) Anthony Quinn is off to the Caribbean to star in Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and The Sea*, playing the ancient fisherman in the role that won an Oscar nomination for Spencer Tracy more than 30 years ago.

Although the 74-year-old Quinn is a grizzled veteran of more than 100 movies, he is as full of energy and vitality as ever, his teeth as white and his eyes dark and flashing with passion.

Not only is he tackling a role that Tracy played so brilliantly, Quinn recently completed a co-starring role in *Ghosts Can't Do It*, in which he plays some wild love scenes with Bo Derek.

He also has co-starred with Kevin Costner in *Revenge*, once again playing the lover of a young woman, actress Madeleine Stowe, who eventually leaves him for the youthful star.

At a time when most actors his age are playing sedate character roles or quietly contemplating a well-earned retirement, Quinn is excitedly planning new projects.

He soon will host a series of one-act plays for the Arts Entertainment cable company.

The barrel-chested half-Irish, half-Mexican star, grinning mightily, says he is fulfilling a 30-year fantasy by playing the old fisherman at last.

"I've lived with that Hemingway novel all this time, hoping someday I would play the fisherman," he said.

"It's a magnificent parable of a very old peasant who fulfills his life ambition of hooking the biggest marlin in the sea."

"To me, the story makes the most important statement of our times. It is also my statement: no matter how old you are, your heart and mind cannot be defeated if you so will it."

"The story has special meaning for me because I am trying to make an afterlife for myself as an actor and a painter, perhaps leaving a bauble or two worth looking at when I am gone."

Quinn is not concerned that anyone will make comparisons between his performance and Tracy's. After all, how many people who see the NBC-TV two-hour film in December will recall the old Tracy picture?

Mileage in the old superstar yet

Burt Reynolds:hoping for the big bucks again

By Judy Byrne

HOLLYWOOD said he was a dead man. And it could have become a self-fulfilling prophecy, except for one thing. There was more to Burt Reynolds than met the eye.

Macho Burt has picked himself up after a devastating run of bad luck, dusted himself down...and acquired a new wife, baby and career.

A string of flops and rumours — untrue — that he had AIDS, have made the 'eighties the decade that, on the whole, Reynolds would rather forget.

The lowest point came in 1986 when he was sitting at home watching television and heard two film critics decide that as superstars go, Burt Reynolds was finished.

"It was great motivation," he says now.

The outcome was a decision by the superstar, who used to be offered \$2,000,000 a movie, to sign up for a humble project, the film *Breaking In*, at a just \$120 a day. This was followed by small screen series, *B.L. Stryker*, which Burt hopes will be the start of a whole new ballgame for him.

He says: "I think it's good enough to put me back on top. It's my big chance — perhaps my last — to show I have something to offer."

The series is set in Florida, where Burt was brought up and now has a luxury ranch home. It is about a burnt-out New Orleans cop who quits the Force and returns to his Florida roots. Episodes are movie-length and will go out once a month.

Burt made the budget film, *Breaking In*, with Scottish director, Bill Forsyth, who had hits with *Gregory's Girl* and *Local Hero*. In the United States, he has only a cult following. But Reynolds was one of his admirers.

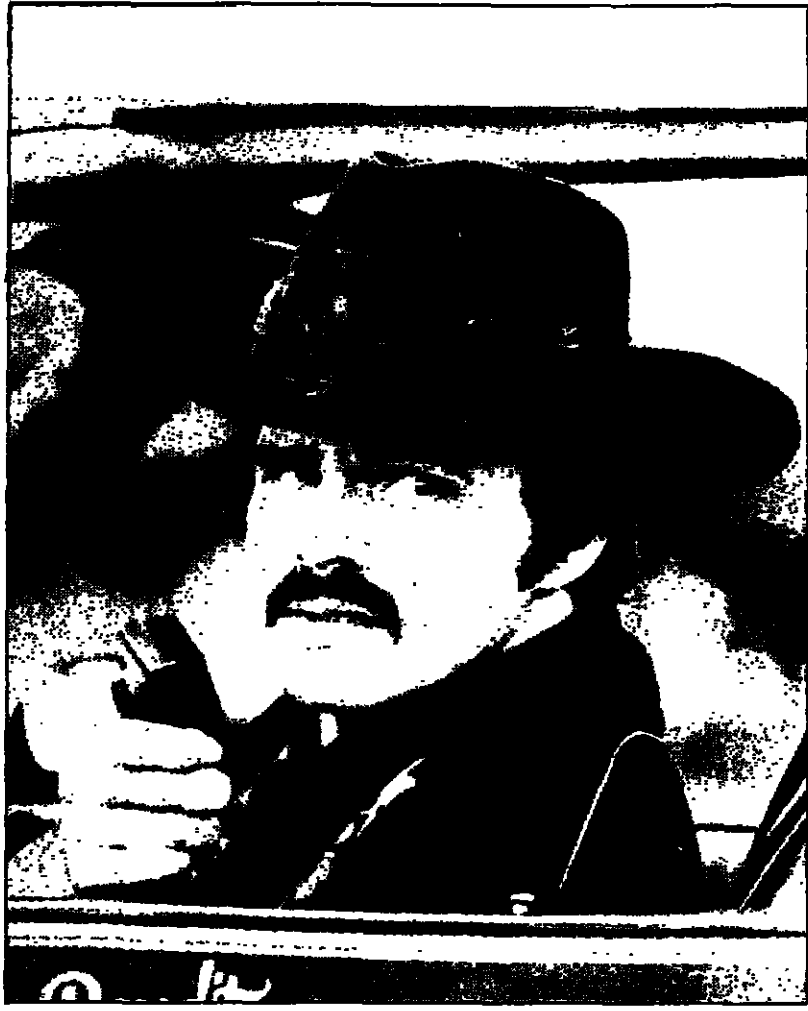
It was a courageous gamble. The star now 53, who had had a record-breaking six years as Number One at the box office, played a 60-year-old safe-breaker.

For the part, he had to put on weight, swap his heart-throb wig for a receding grey one, and have a facial droop and yellowing teeth added in make-up every morning.

Burt said: "I've spent my entire career — somewhere between 40 and 50 films — making the characters me. This is the first time I've tried to make it the other way round. Now I've turned Burt Reynolds into a character."

Burt began his run as red-hot box office with *Deliverance* in 1972, and stayed right up there at the top through the *Smoky* and *Canonball* series.

But his reign ended with *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* seven years ago. After it, his agent urged him to change key and go for the supporting role of the ex-astronaut in *Terms of Endear-*



Burt Reynolds as he appeared in the 'Smoky' series.

ment. He refused. It won Jack Nicholson an Oscar.

Burt, meanwhile, had two years out of action which quickly became diagnosed as AIDS on the Hollywood grapevine as his flesh fell away leaving him a 138 lb shadow of his former 194 lb self.

It was actually a persistent jaw infection that meant he could not eat. "I would get nauseous and sick and spent almost a year in bed," he says.

"The only thing I could eat was spaghetti and all I could drink, apart from water, was soup. It got to the point where my eyes could not stand the light, so I spent most of the period I did not work at all in a dark room."

"There was a lot of rubbish being written about me and I was very angry about it. That anger has not gone away. This is a business town and the business is primarily to make money. You cannot make money if people think you are dying."

"It is a very fair weather kind of place. It was all very unpleasant."

If the illness was bad, the cure was almost worse. Eventually, Reynolds found a dentist in San Diego who diagnosed that he needed to have his jaw re-balanced by having every tooth in his mouth recapped.

It meant sitting in the dentist's chair keeping his mouth open for daily stints of five and six hours and going straight from there to the chiropractor for treatment for the strain that put on his neck.

If the success of the treatment looked like a turning point there were still tough times ahead. He made four flops in row — *Heat*, *Malone*, *Rent-a-Cop* and *Switching Channels*.

It would have been easy then for the star who has earned big bucks and invested his millions wisely to quit, rather than accept a career in which he was no longer film-makers' first choice for the romantic hero.

Instead, he took a pay cut to ensure that he could carry on working. And he has a deal that will earn him a million from *Breaking In* if the film takes ten at

the box office and from video sales and rentals.

He is executive producer as well as star of the six two-hour private eye shows.

But if he has finally broken through on the career front again, what has been happening in his private life was the only redeeming factor of several truly awful years.

For as people who he had fondly imagined were old friends fell away, girlfriend Loni Anderson was a staunch ally. On his wedding day last year, Burt announced that he had married his best friend.

He says: "She stood by me like a rock. It was especially tough for her because her mother had just died of cancer." Within months, he and his 43-year-old wife had adopted a baby boy, Quinton, after a character Reynolds played early in his career on the TV series *Gunsmoke*.

Loni, well known as the sexy secretary in *WKRP in Cincinnati* has a 23-year-old daughter Deidra Hasselberg from a short first marriage, says: "It is a miracle. Burt had never experienced a brand new baby. He'd never been aware of how tiny but strong a baby's fingers can be until Quinton wrapped his fingers around his thumb."

The last thing we do every night is tiptoe into the baby's room to watch him breathe. This small being has brought Burt and me even closer if that's possible. It is almost impossible to remember exactly how life was before Quinton came into our hearts."

Now they have put their names down for a baby sister for Quinton.

Reynolds had been married only once before to Laugh-In actress Judy Carne. It ended in divorce after two years. For years, he made no secret of the fact that he was reluctant to give wedded bliss another shot.

Before Loni, he had announced that he would marry *Flying Nun* actress, Sally Field. And in the early 'Seventies he had been one of the original toyboys when he became involved with singer Dinah Shore 19 years his senior.

Relationship

It says something for his relationships with women that both Sally and Dinah sent large bouquets to his wedding to Loni while Judy Carne crossed her fingers that speculation about a shotgun wedding — untrue as it turned out — would prove founded.

"Burt has always longed for a kid," she revealed.

Judy, who wrote a book about their turbulent marriage, remembers a moody man with a hair-trigger temper. She would find Reynolds today much mellower.

The actor who once froze at the mention of his toupee now jokes about it himself. "If I didn't wear a rug," he says, "no one would recognise me."



Macho Reynolds has picked himself up after a devastating run of bad luck.

And the macho man who would never dream of letting a stuntman near the set is now happy to let a professional take over when the going is getting rough. "I can still jump off a roof," he says. "I just don't land so well."

Not only has Burt Reynolds shown there is mileage in the old superstar yet but he is threatening to grow old very gracefully when his time comes.

Macho man is becoming mellow man. "I now know the most important thing about myself is that I am a survivor," he says. "And I feel just great about that."

Celebrates his 75th birthday this year

Sir Alec Guinness: curious genius

By Irving Wardle

AS in the night sky, so in the theatre, a star is a bright, supernal being that is always itself no matter what the changes in the surrounding atmosphere.

From Garrick to Gielgud, the point upon which all theatrical star-gazers agree is that everyone of these luminaries has a continuous personality, recognisable through any depth of greasepaint and costume padding.

But as soon as you lay down this law, you have to acknowledge the stunning exception of Sir Alec Guinness, an actor who has soared into the theatrical Olympus by the opposite process of disappearing into whatever he was playing. Less a star than a black hole.

Guinness, who celebrates his 75th birthday this year, belongs to the legendary generation who emerged from John Gielgud's companies in the 1930s. Among his contemporaries he was the least obviously cut out for the heroic stage. A slight, nondescript figure, his most conspicuous features are his prominent ears which, when Gielgud first met him, gave him the appearance of "a starved charity child".

If there is any personal subtext underlying his performance career it is the fable of the down-trodden nonentity who proves himself a person to be reckoned with. It is perhaps this continuous factor, no less than his genius for transformation, that has earned him in the unshakable loyalty of the world's cinema audiences.

In film performances like Fagin in *Oliver Twist* and Colonel Nicholson in *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, Guinness has reached extremes of glamour and the grotesque far beyond his apparent range, but always leaving the spectator totally in the dark as to the actor's own personality. This anonymity is echoed, almost too neatly, in the story of his early life.

Born in London in 1914, the son of an unknown father, he divided a lonely childhood between a brutalising preparatory school and a succession of hotels under the fulfil care of a mother from whom he severed all connection at the age of 14. His entry in "Who's Who in the Theatre" omits any reference to his parents.

For such a child, who did not know who he was, the natural thing was to imagine all the people he might have been. In Guinness's case, this was allied with the talent to make it happen.

He first proved this on the occasion of his debut in a school production of *Macbeth* in the tiny role of the messenger. He retreated to the far end of the playing fields and sprinted back so as to make his entrance in a state of actual physical collapse. Probably for the first time in the play's history, the messenger was greeted with a spontaneous burst of applause.

This ability to make something out of nothing was recognised by John Gielgud, who spotted Guinness in a drama school show to which he had escaped from an unhappy spell as an advertising copywriter. Gielgud offered him the roles of Osric and the Third Player in the 1934 New Theatre "Hamlet", and since then he has seldom been out of work.



Guinness as the mysterious professor Godbole in David Lean's film, 'A Passage to India'

Recounts

Guinness recounts some of these early episodes in his 1985 memoir, *Blessings in Disguise*, but it is typical of that beautifully written book that it tells you far more about other people than about the author, who limits himself to the role of a sharp-eyed reporter of the outside personalities who have crossed his path.

As a writer no less than as an actor, Guinness leaves himself out of the picture. He tells you practically nothing of his reputation-building years in Gielgud's and Michel Saint-Denis' companies which launched him as a chameleon artist who specialised in the creation of dazzling miniatures.

Larger roles came his way when he moved to the Old Vic Theatre in 1936, but nothing in his pre-World War II career won more admiration than his performance as Romeo's Apothecary, Reynaldo, le Beau and the other parts he rescued from near invisibility. He disdained eye-catching make-up, and dismissed the post-war Old Vic as a "hot-bed of false noses".

Transformation for Guinness was done from inside, combining piercing character analysis with theatrical magic, as where he mimed a physical task in Komisarjevsky's 1936 production of *The Seagull* and convinced the director he was pulling a real rope.

Guinness was not a wholehearted disciple of Saint-Denis, though he took some classes at that guru's London Theatre Studio, and met his future wife, Merula Salaman, in Saint-Denis' 1935 production of *Noah* — she playing the Tiger. He "trotting on" was the Wolf.

At the outbreak of World War II, though, he joined forces with George Devine and his old teacher, Martita Hunt, to hold the Saint-Denis family together in a production of his own adaptation of *Great Expectations*.

This appeared at the Rudolf



The young Alec Guinness (right) in a 1936 Old Vic production of Hamlet with Robert Newton (left) and Laurence Olivier.

Steiner Hall when London's main theatres were dark, and it led to the 1947 film version, the beginning of a 40-year association with the director David Lean. This in turn, launched Guinness from his irrepressible Herbert Pocket into his career with Ealing Studios and Hollywood. Even in this, his own script, Guinness cast himself in the side-kick role of the hero's friend.

Besides continuing variations on the rope-trick — unrecognisably resurrected to be killed eight times by Denis Price in *Kind Hearts and Coronets* — his film work developed partly into fully humanised grotesques (like his unashamedly Hebraic Fagin, or his recreation of Hitler as a privately affectionate man of destiny with a genuine passion for architecture), and partly into the line of humble little inventors and vacuum cleaner salesmen who turn the world upside down.

The quality common to both sets of characters is their obsessiveness: when it comes to fanaticism, there is nothing to pick between Hitler and the hero of *The Man in the White Suit*.

As a film actor, Guinness outshone all his London contemporaries, Laurence Olivier included. What continued to elude him was any comparable success on the classical stage.

After the war, with three years spent as an "officer and a gentleman in the navy" which he subsequently described as his most difficult role, he returned to the Old Vic with a renewed series of dazzling off-centre performances. These included the Fool to Olivier's Lear, and the tobaccoist Druggan (Garrick's old part) in *The Alchemist*.

But on the rare occasions when he shouldered a heroic part — from his ill-fated 1951 *Hamlet* to the 1966 *Macbeth* — the magic was apt to desert him. It was not simply that he lacked magnitude, but that no transformation took place.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I break out into a cold sweat every time my 4-year-old son starts wondering where babies come from. I don't think I know enough about teaching youngsters of his age about reproduction, yet feel there must be an answer both to his question and my problem. I wish you could take over for me. What do I do?

ANSWER: Be assured, there are many other parents in the same boat. The hardest part is overcoming your own doubts of inadequacy. You can manage quite well if you stay calm and follow a few important tips. Stay cool, stay accessible to your youngster and stay simple. Don't panic when such questions arise; listen carefully.

You may be making more out of the question than he intends. When you make it clear that you don't find such discussions difficult, you remain the first person to ask for such information, a position you don't ever want to abandon. Once the intent of the question is understood, answer as fully, but as simply as possible. Don't launch into a complete lecture you have been rehearsing; it's just not necessary. There will be time enough for that in the

PARENT ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUNGSTER'S QUESTIONS

future, if you don't lose the thread of curiosity that promotes the questioning at this time.

You're just at the beginning now, with plenty of time to read advice from experts and become prepared to continue such conversations throughout the emotional, social and sexual development of your child. You have the responsibility to guide your child through the trials of growing up and teach the ethical principles that motivate your own life.

QUESTION: My father-in-law has been diagnosed as having "progressive supranuclear palsy" — a very frustrating and heart-breaking disease to watch in a once healthy and virile man. Although family members have searched for information on this disease, we haven't found any. What can you tell us, and what can we expect?

ANSWER: This is an uncommon disease that affects men twice as often as women. It usually begins with complaints of slowness of movement, imbalance, falling and impaired vision, and strikes in patients in the 60-70 age range. They find negotiating steps and curbs difficult and have problems in looking up or

down. It's this problem with vertical gaze that leads physicians to the diagnosis, since it's the distinguishing characteristic of the disease.

As the name indicates, the disease is progressive and leads to difficulty in moving and turning, an expressionless face, slurred and forced speech patterns. Though there are no specific laboratory tests available that help in making the diagnosis, the appearance of the patient and the slow progression of the clinical symptoms and signs leave little doubt of its presence. We know that it damages the nerves in the brain, but have no idea what causes this degeneration.

The disease progresses steadily over a six-to-eight-year period, and mental changes of apathy and dementia may occur late in the course of the affliction. Trials of treatment have left much to be desired, although three classes of medication — dopaminergic, anticholinergic or antiserotonergic — have been reported to help some patients. I'm sorry I don't have more hopeful information to give you.

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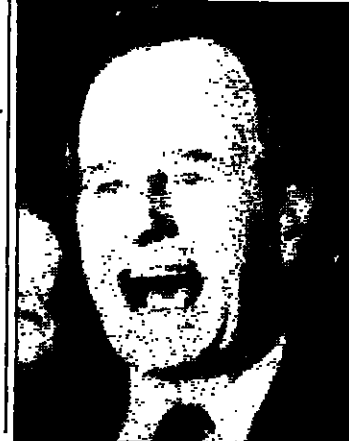
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SPORTS
BASEBALL
ROUNDUP
Red Sox
outplay
Rangers

NEW YORK, June 21. (AP): Nolan Ryan allowed four hits and struck out six in seven innings, and Mike Greenwell hit a two-run double in the ninth as the Boston Red Sox rallied in the eighth inning last night to beat the Texas Rangers 6-3.

After throwing 115 pitches, Ryan left with a 3-0 lead.

"He did a great job, but he said he had had enough," Texas manager Bobby Valentine said. "A shutout for seven innings, you can't ask for anything more than that. He knew what he had to do and the other guys knew what they had to do."

"We didn't do anything against Nolan, then we looked at him and suddenly he was gone," Nick Esasky said.

Kenny Rogers and Jeff Russell, 3-2, allowed four hits in the eighth and errors by second baseman Julio Franco and shortstop Scott Fletcher led to an ineffectual run.

Mike Boddicker, 4-6, won for the second time in nine starts since May 3, giving up nine hits. Lee Smith finished for his eighth save.

Athletics 6, Tigers 4
Oakland snapped a season-high four-game losing streak as pinch-hitter Terry Steinbach's homer broke a sixth-inning tie.

Twins 7, Indians 4
Jim Dwyer had his first four-hit game in six years and Minnesota had 15 hits off four Cleveland pitchers.

White Sox 13, Yankees 6
Dan Pasqua and Harold Baines hit three-run homers and led drove in four runs, and 40-year-old Jerry Ruesch won his 15th straight decision as Chicago led season highs in hits and runs.

Royals 8, Brewers 2
Bo Jackson hit his 17th homer of the season in a six-run 11th inning, tying Baltimore's Mickey Vernon for the AL lead. Tom Gordon, 9-2, gave up the tying run in the eighth and then pitched three scoreless innings.

Blue Jays 6, Angels 2
Tony Fernandez homered twice in the first two innings and immy Key allowed four hits in even innings.

Orioles 8, Mariners 6
Mike Devereaux drove in three runs as Baltimore overcame a 5-0 first-inning deficit and won his fifth straight. Rookie reliever Mickey Weston, 1-0, got his first Major-League victory.

Padres 2, Dodgers 0
Bruce Hurst pitched a six-hit shutout for his first National League shutout as San Diego beat Los Angeles.

Expos 8, Mets 5
Tim Lincecum tied the game with a two-run single in the eighth inning and then won it with a two-run single in the ninth as Montreal overcame a five-run deficit and rallied past New York. Tim Burke, 5-1, got the victory.

Results

American League

Oakland	6	Detroit	4
Chicago W.S.	13	New York Y.	6
Boston	6	Texas	3
Minnesota	7	Cleveland	4
Casaca City	8	Milwaukee	2
Baltimore	8	Seattle	6
Toronto	6	California	2

National League

St. Louis	6	Philadelphia	4
San Diego	5	Philadelphia	3
Montreal	8	New York	5
Chicago	5	Pittsburgh	4 (11 innings)
San Diego	2	Los Angeles	0
San Francisco	4	Houston	0
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San Francisco at Atlanta postponed

International cricket could move from MCG

SYDNEY, June 21. (Reuters): International cricket could move from the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the home of cricket in Australia, next season unless an advertising dispute involving the sponsors of the Test and one-day series is resolved.

The state of Victoria banned all outdoor tobacco advertising last January while the state government-run "Quit for life" programme, financed by a tax on tobacco, has gained advertising space at the ground.

The Benson and Hedges tobacco company sponsors the international cricket programme in Australia to the tune of \$2 million.

Australian Cricket Board chairman Malcolm Gray told journalists the announcement of the 1989/90 season's cricket programme had been delayed by scheduling difficulties with Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and the advertising problem.

"There have been protracted negotiations with the touring countries and administrative problems with the Melbourne Cricket Club and the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust," said Gray.

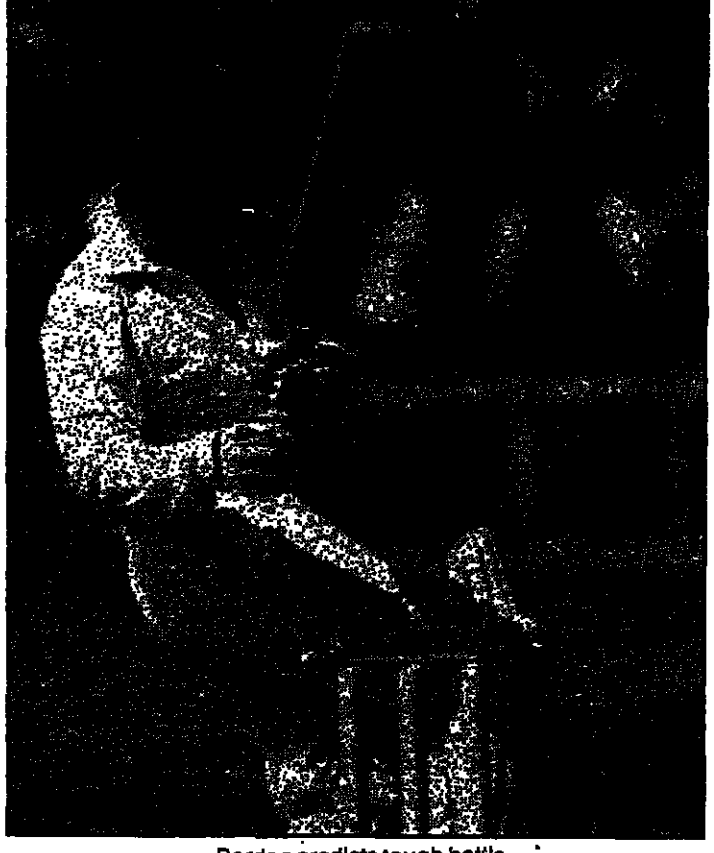
"It should be noted that the Melbourne and Sydney venues are subject to satisfactory arrangements with the ground authorities in regard to on-ground advertising."

Sydney Cricket Ground Trust officials said the advertising issue would have to be resolved in Melbourne but added they would not have any anti-smoking adverts.

"We have already advised New South Wales and the ACB that we will not entertain displaying any advertising that would be seen as denigrating a sponsor's product," one official said.

Border braces for backlash

England reshape pace attack



Border predicts tough battle

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters): Allan Border, buoyed by Australia's winning start to the Ashes series, is bracing himself for an England backlash in the second Test starting at Lord's tomorrow.

Border led his team to victory by 210 runs in the first match of the six-Test series at Headingley where England capitulated on the last day for 191, a performance condemned by the home media.

But Australia's captain is predicting a tough battle at Lord's where the traditional showpiece of the season has generated even greater interest than usual with all tickets for the first three days sold several weeks ago.

Border said: "If England have not been stung by all the criticism then there's something wrong with them. I expect them to be fired up and we know we've got to produce another good performance."

Since taking over as captain in the 1984-85 season, Border has only once previously led his country to victory in the first match of a Test series so his side's success at Headingley represented a welcome early boost in their attempt to regain the Ashes.

England's reaction to the Leeds setback has been to reshape their pace attack, replacing Phillip DeFreitas, Phil Newport and Derek Pringle with Graham Dilley, Paul Jarvis and the uncapped Angus Fraser.

The omitted trio consistently failed to make the batsmen play at the ball at Headingley, where Australia's fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman gave an object lesson in the virtues of impeccable line and length and was rewarded with a match-winning haul of 10 for 151.

Dilley, ruled out of the first Test following a knee operation, Jarvis, who has consistently impressed for Yorkshire this season, and Fraser, whose control is a feature of his bowling, can offer improved direction and penetration.

They join fellow paceman Neil Foster, below his best in the first Test, and off-spinner John Emburey, 12th man at Leeds, as the five specialist bowlers in a squad of 13.

If England again opt to play six batsmen and rely on a four-man attack, they may omit one of the pace bowlers this time and include Emburey. He has taken only 15 wickets in his last 15 Tests, but playing on his home ground and being able to provide variation to the bowling may influence his inclusion.

Fraser's knowledge of Lord's where he is Emburey's Middlesex team mate, could also help to earn him his first cap after developing steadily over the last 18 months.

"Lord's is quite a difficult place to bowl if you don't play there much," Fraser said. "The slope makes a difference, especially from the pavilion end. It gives you an extra chance of a wicket on a good batting pitch."

"It keeps the batsmen thinking, they are aware of it all the time. Obviously, being used to the surroundings will help me out. I've bowled well there this season."

Yet Lord's also brings out the best in Australia, whose last Test defeat at the ground was in 1934. Since then, they have won five and drawn eight of their 13 Tests at cricket's traditional headquarters.

That unbeaten sequence should further encourage Border, who goes into the match on the brink of a batting landmark. He needs another 43 runs to become only the fourth player in Test history to reach an aggregate of 8,000 behind Sunil Gavaskar, Geoff Boycott and Gary Sobers.

Haynes hits first county century



Peter Roebuck



M. Roseberry

LONDON, June 21. (Reuters): West Indian opener Desmond Haynes hit his first county championship century yesterday but his 102 was not enough to give Middlesex victory over London rivals Surrey.

Left 54 overs to reach a target of 307 on the third and final day of their three-day match at the Oval, Haynes and Michael Roseberry made a magnificent start.

They scored 155 overs before Roseberry was caught and bowled by left-arm spinner Keith Medley for 79, his best championship score.

Middlesex faltered when skipper Mike Gatting chopped the sixth ball he received on his stump and Haynes was lbw to Medley after attempting a reverse sweep. He had hit four sixes and eight fours off 117 balls in 166 minutes.

After his dismissal Middlesex lost six wickets for 18 and were forced to rely on their last pair to save the match, finishing on 243 for nine.

South African Jimmy Cook missed becoming the first batsman to reach 1,000 runs for the season by nine runs when he was bowled for 72 in Somerset's draw with Kent.

Cook's fellow-opener Peter Roebuck grazed his way to 107 as the home side, chasing an improbable 361 to win, finished the day on 276 for six.

Glamorgan, bottom of the table last year, grabbed an exciting nine-run win over the powerful Lancashire XI with pace bowler Steve Watkins claiming six for 94.

Watkins twice took wickets with successive balls to add to his seven for 65 on Monday and register the best match haul of his career.

The tour starts with a one-day match against Western Australia on November 8 and ends with the Test from November 24 to 28, it said in a statement.

Insecurity drives athletes to steroids

TORONTO, June 21. (Reuters): Steroid use by athletes is fuelled by insecurity and a desire to reap the financial rewards available only to a select team, a Canadian government drug inquiry heard yesterday.

Bill Crothers, a Canadian middle-distance runner in the 1960s, testified that athletes are driven into using performance-enhancing drugs by a constant hunger for the competitive edge.

"That's the way athletes think. If you think somebody else is doing something, you try it," he said. "You're just afraid not to because the other person may have an advantage or have an edge on you."

"If you want to use a word to describe athletes at that (elite) level, 'insecure' might be an appropriate word," added Crothers, a silver medalist in the 800 metres at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

Crothers testified that track and field athletes, particularly throwing athletes, were commonly experimenting with anabolic steroids by the 1960s.

He said it was widely rumoured that Michael Larrabee, American gold medalist in the 400 metres at the 1964 Olympics, had used steroids.

Anabolic steroids, which can have damaging side effects, were not banned at the time.

The inquiry into drug use in amateur sports also heard observations about the competitive pressures on athletes from Canadian national team high jumper Milt Ottey, who said he had wrestled with the idea of taking anabolic steroids since 1985.

"I just got tired of seeing my performances, good performances, being compared to outstanding performances that were drug-induced," Ottey said, adding that he ultimately resisted the temptation to try the muscle-building drugs.

Crothers, now a Toronto-area pharmacist, left competition in 1969, but he has continued to keep close contact with the track and field scene.

Crothers told the inquiry he could readily guess, based on changes in physique and improvement in performance times, whether an athlete was likely using anabolic steroids.

He said he had suspected sprinter Ben Johnson as early as 1984.

Unlike American sprinter Carl Lewis, Crothers explained, Johnson did not emerge as a natural sprinter in his teens, but rather made a rapid rise to prominence in his 20s, concurrent with his developing physique.

Though athletes of different generations, both Crothers and Ottey agreed that money is also at the root of much drug use in sport, since world-class performances represent financial rewards not only for athletes themselves, but also for the coaches, trainers, agents, and promoters who surround them.

"As long as they can receive significant material benefits from that, there'll always be people who are looking for an edge and an angle," said Crothers.

Both men echoed previous charges heard by the inquiry that Canadian track and field officials consistently failed to act on widespread rumours of anabolic steroid use.

"I've seen coaches and athletes break rules and nobody's done anything because nobody wants to rock the boat," Ottey said.

The inquiry continues tomorrow.

Lewis to seek relay record in France

NEW YORK, June 21. (Reuters): Carl Lewis and his teammates will attempt a world 4x200 metres record in France on Friday after being barred from a triangular athletics meeting in Birmingham, England, this weekend.

Lewis' business manager Joe Douglas said in a telephone interview from Seville, Spain, the quartet would attempt the record in St Denis, France.

The Athletics Congress (TAC), the sport's governing body in the United States, refused Lewis and his Santa Monica Track Club teammates permission to run in Birmingham because it wanted only the national team to compete.

Lewis, the Olympic 100 metres champion, and his teammates who included Olympic 200 metres gold medalist Joe DeLoach, had planned an assault on the record at the Birmingham meeting between the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

"If they won't let us run there, we will go to St Denis and try to break the world record there," Douglas said.

"The difference is we won't have any competition. If we had run in England, the Soviets have a good team and we could have possibly set the record there. Now it will be more difficult."

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Cram, 28 and 1,500 metres world champion six years ago, staged a brave attempt to keep pace with the elegant Kenyan but eventually finished fourth as American George Kersh and Moroccan Faouzi Lahbi swept past him in the closing stages.

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Aouita suffers first 5,000m defeat in 10 years

SEVILLE, Spain, June 21. (Reuters): World champion Said Aouita slumped to his first 5,000 metres defeat in 10 years yesterday when he finished 40 metres adrift of little-known Kenyan Yobes Ondieki at an international athletics meeting here.

The Moroccan master of middle-distance was left with too much to do after Ondieki had taken off just three laps into the race and opened up a colossal lead.

The 28-year-old Kenyan poured on the pace to win in 13 minutes 12.12 seconds and inflict the world record holder's first defeat over the distance since 1979.

Aouita, the 1984 Olympic champion and an 800 metres bronze medalist at last year's Seoul Games had to be content with second place some 40 metres and 11 seconds adrift in 13:23.96.

It was a major shock on a night of sparkling early-season action which saw world champion Abdi Bile of Somalia triumph over Kenyan Olympic gold medalist Peter Rono in a pulsating 1,500 metres showdown.

But there were no setbacks for Rono's compatriot Paul Ereng, who stroled to a convincing victory in 1:44.01 — easily the fastest time in the world this year.

Ondieki triumphed over a star-studded field. His compatriot John Ngugi, the reigning Olympic and world cross-country champion, dropped out of the race after six laps as Ondieki applied relentless pressure.

With two laps to go, Ondieki was half a lap clear and Aouita, the only man in history to have bettered the 13-minute barrier, was reduced to sprinting for second place. Kenya's world 10,000 metres champion Paul Kipkoech also struggled and finished eighth.

Bile won the 1,500 metres battle with a soul-destroying surge off the final bend to triumph in 3:36.61.

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Hontas helps France crush Seddon team

BLLENHEIM, New Zealand, June 21. (Reuters): France, buoyed by their fine showing in the first rugby union Test against the New Zealand All Blacks, scored seven tries to crush a Seddon Shield selection today.

The touring team, beaten 25-17 by the All Blacks on Saturday, made the most of their forwards' weight advantage and speed on the wings to beat the south islanders 39-13.

The pace of winger Pierre Hontas constantly unsettled the home defence and he collected a hat-trick of tries.

France's other tries, scored by hooker Merve Chabowski, lock Pascal Beraud and halfback Henri Sanz, all resulted from forward dominance.

Referee Dave Bishop also awarded the touring team a penalty try when two Seddon Shield players tried to kick the ball out of the scrum as the French pushed towards the line.

Flanker Jean-Francois Tordo was the pick of the French forwards.

Fights postponed

ROME, June 21. (AP): A shoulder injury suffered by world champion Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina forced Italian organisers to postpone a WBA junior welterweight title fight between Coggi and American challenger Frankie Warren.

The bout was originally scheduled for July 30 in Cicina, near Leghorn.

Italian matchmaker Roberto Sabbatini said yesterday that Coggi was hurt in training. A new date was not immediately decided.

Mubarak al Hajri in action

Qatar find novel way to select best stages

DOHA: The Qatar Motor Sports Club, hosts of the BP 2000 Trophy on Oct 5/6 have introduced a new scheme to select the best possible route for this, their first international four-wheel-drive rally. They have asked each of their top local drivers to find a special stage for the third round of the 1989 Marlboro Desert Challenge.

Qatar has no shortage of seasoned rally driver's who have dominated the past two seasons of regional 4x4 events. These local drivers include Abbas Al Mosawi, Jaber Al Marri, Mubarak Al Hajri, Sultan Al Soweidi and Sadoon Al Kuwari. In the event itself, the stages will be named after the driver's concerned.

"We believe that we have the best four-wheel-drive conditions in the Gulf, and who better to select them than the rally drivers themselves," said Al Mosawi winner of the 1988 Marlboro Desert Challenge.

The Qatar Club under the presidency of Shaikh Nawif Bin Nasser Al Thani has grown to become one of the most progressive and professional in the region. The inclusion of an international four-wheel-drive event now completes a very full season for the Doha based club.

"All the drivers from other Gulf states are really looking forward to the first BP 2000 Trophy in Qatar," said Kuwaiti veteran Tareq Al Wazzan.

Teams from Saudi Arabia, including Mohammed Al Malki and Mamdouh Khayat, will take part along with a strong Kuwaiti contingent. Drivers from the U.A.E., Bahrain and Oman are also planning to take part. The appeal of the Qatar event will be heavy soft sand conditions, not unlike the Masafi Rally held in Dubai.

Kiwis to tour Australia

WELLINGTON, June 21. (Reuters): New Zealand will make a short cricket tour of Australia in November which will include one Test match, the New Zealand Cricket Council said today.

The tour starts with a one-day match against Western Australia on November 8 and ends with the Test from November 24 to 28, it said in a statement.

Another match against Western Australia is scheduled for November 10-13. These three fixtures are to be played in Perth. The only fixture outside Perth will be a November 17-20 clash with South Australia in Adelaide.

Australia will play a return Test in New Zealand in March next year.

Lions blast Queensland for 4th win

CAIRNS, Australia, June 21. (Reuters): The British Lions pack, supported by a fine performance by fly-half Rob Andrew, propelled the touring side to a 30-6 win over Queensland B today.

The Lions turned on the heat in the second half of their fourth tour match, played on a balmy tropical evening, scoring 18 points without reply after leading 12-6 at half-time.

Hooker Steve Smith, lock Wade Doolan and flanker Andy Robinson ran in tries as the Lions forwards continually drove the Queensland formation backwards to record their fourth successive victory.

The Lions, criticised for rough play in their weekend win over the Queensland A side, were always in command but the delivery of the ball from the scrum to the backs was often ragged.

Andrew, making his Lions debut after being flown out as a replacement for injured Paul Dean, enhanced his reputation ahead of Saturday's game against New South Wales when the Lions are expected to unveil their Test team for the first time.

The England fly-half, apart from kicking four conversions, set up the best try of the match for winger Chris Oti just before the half-time whistle.

The Lions won the ball after their own 25-metre dropout. It was fed to Andrew who made an incisive 15-metre break before finding centre Jeremy Guscott. Guscott held the ball in the tackle before feeding Oti who scored with ease.

Andrew could now be challenging Craig Chalmers from the fly-half spot in the Test side.



Aouita, finished in second place

SPORTS

Yugoslavs outclass Greeks in opener

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, June 21, (Reuters): Yugoslavia crushed reigning champions Greece 103-68 (half-time 49-35) on the opening day of the men's European Basketball Championship yesterday.

It was sweet revenge for the Yugoslavs, three-times former European champions who lost to Greece in the semifinals of the championship two years ago in Athens.

Led by their \$2 million playmaker Drazen Petrovic, who plays with Real Madrid, Yugoslavia took the lead in the sixth minute of the match and maintained the pressure throughout.

Petrovic, who scored 35 points, inspired his team-mates in both attack and defence and Greece appeared too bewildered by Yugoslavia's pace to create any serious challenge.

Only 32-year-old playmaker Nikos Galis, at 1.83 metres the shortest man in the match, showed any real attacking form as he scored 30 of Greece's points.

Olympic champions the Soviet Union, tournament favourites and 14 times European champions, almost threw away what looked a certain win over Italy yesterday.

They led by 20 points at half-time but then the Italians, thanks to Cantu's winger Antonello Riva who scored 31 points, closed the gap to only two points with two minutes to go.

But then the Soviet Union's 2.22-metre tall centre Arvidas Sabonis rebounded twice in a row with Italians attacking and their other centre Alexander Volkov scored a free-throw to secure his team's 87-84 win.

Today's game:

Soviet Union beat Netherlands 109-56 (half-time 46-32). Scores: Soviet Union — Chudmas Vetr 14, Titi Sokk 14, Valdemar Khomeichus 13, Sharunas Marchionis 12, Viktor Bereznoi 12, Alexander Belosteniy 12, Arvidas Sabonis 11, Valeri Gorborenko 10, Rimas Kurtinaitis 6, Valeri Tikhonov 3, Elchad Gadachev 2, Netherlands — Richard van Poelgeest 14, Jos Kuipers 10, Raymond Boute 9, Peter Dam 8, Okke Te Velde 8, Paul Vriend 4, Cees van Rootselaar 2.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cup qualifier

COPENHAGEN, June 21, (Reuters): Tickets for Denmark's World Cup soccer qualifier against Romania have been sold out almost four months before the European Group One tie in Copenhagen, Danish Football Union (DBU) information officer Fritz Ahlstrom said.

New post

LONDON, June 21, (AP): Bill Babcock, a Minnesota lawyer who became the No. 2 official in men's tennis, was named yesterday to the new post of tournament administrator by the International Tennis Federation.

Soviet star

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, June 21, (AP): Soviet national team star Charunas Marchionis said yesterday he is "certain" to play for the Golden State Warriors in the National Basketball Association next season.

Cycling race

BELLINZONA, Switzerland, June 21, (AP): Andreas Kappes of West Germany surged ahead at the finish to win a fast eighth leg of the tour of Switzerland road cycling race. Switzerland's Beat Reutemann retained the yellow jersey of overall leader.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Westminster System-17 bridge game held on Sunday:

- N/S
1. Sharing first: Abdul Ghani Shellah & Saeed El Sead and Sherin Basayouni & Adel Bayoumi
2. Adly Tiab & Ahmed Hneidi
E/W
1. Mohammed Merchant & J. Gajjar
2. Jaya Sapre & Ravi Bhatt
3. Dr Oskay & Amir Abedin
Westminster System-17 will hold its End of the Season tournament with a marathon on Friday, June 30, at 3.00 pm at the Regency Palace Hotel.
Results of the Sheraton Bridge Club's game held on Tuesday:
N/S
1. Tiab & Hneidi
2. Aurora & Merchant
3. Meouchi & Zanani
E/W
1. Dr Oskay & Shanti
2. Latala & Sherin
3. Salman Ali & Carsten

Barnard to leave Ferrari racing team

MARANELLO, Italy, June 21, (Reuters): British designer John Barnard will leave Ferrari at the end of his current contract, the Italian Formula One motor racing team announced today.

In a brief statement ending months of speculation about the designer's future, the team said ways to continue the partnership were discussed at a meeting between Barnard,

Ferrari president Piero Fusaro and team manager Cesare Fiorio.

"No agreement was found on any of them," the statement said. It said Barnard had agreed to stay with the team until the end of his contract, which expires on Oct 30.

No successor was named. Ferrari announced two weeks ago that British driver Nigel Mansell would stay with the team for a second season next year but it

has yet to reveal the future of its other driver, Austrian Gerhard Berger, who is widely reported to be considering leaving.

Barnard helped McLaren to three successive world drivers' titles before Ferrari hired him in 1986 to breathe new life into their legendary flame red racing cars.

But their only success so far this year was Mansell's win in the season-opening Grand Prix in Brazil on March 26.

Navratilova sails through

Evert drops out of tourney

EASTBOURNE, England, June 21, (Reuters): Top seed Martina Navratilova was given an easy ride into the quarterfinals of the Eastbourne women's grass court tournament today when her opponent Larisa Savchenko all but gave up the fight.

Navratilova beat the 12th-seeded Soviet woman, her doubles partner here, 6-3 6-0, dropping only 10 points in the second set as Savchenko, who had led briefly at the start of the match but then sustained a slight injury, stopped even trying.

Italian Raffaella Reggi, the 14th seed, had an even less taxing day.

She was given a walkover when her scheduled third-round opponent Chris Evert pulled out of the \$300,000 tournament because of an ear infection which upset her balance. Evert Wimbledon appearance is now in doubt.

Evert's withdrawal was followed by the departure of two other leading seeds, Zina Garrison and Czechoslovak Helena Sukova, leaving Navratilova and American teenager Mary-Joe Fernandez — quarterfinal opponents — the only survivors from the top 12 here.

Savchenko, who beat Navratilova the last time they



Martina Navratilova

met, in the semifinals of the California women's tournament in February, broke the American defending champion in the third game of the opening set and took a 3-1 lead.

But then she slowed down and looked lethargic as she picked up

only four more points in the set — one of them on a double fault by Navratilova.

"I knew she had hurt her leg," said Navratilova. "I saw her limp to a ball. It is hard to play against somebody like that because you think that if they are really hurt they should stop playing."

Savchenko said she had felt a pain in her left hamstring but decided to play on anyway.

"I felt I had already lost the match because if you are not in good physical form against Martina you can never win the match," Savchenko said. "But I didn't consider stopping. Afterwards I just played for fun."

Third seed Garrison was knocked out 4-6 6-4 9-7 by unseeded Japanese Etsuko Inoue, a determined, attacking player recording the best win of her career.

"I was so nervous," said Inoue, who was also a quarterfinalist here in 1985 when she was beaten by Navratilova.

"I couldn't get my first serve and then at 5-5 in the third I just thought 'play aggressively and it doesn't matter if the first serve is in or out'."

Garrison was on the receiving end of some unimpressive play. In the second set the American stopped playing when a line judge began to shout 'fault' and

changed her mind in mid-cry. Only after prolonged arguing by the American did the judge admit to the chair umpire, who had not heard the call, that she had shouted and a let was played.

American grass court specialist Ros Fairbank, who took Navratilova to three tough sets in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon last year and could meet her in the semifinals here, dispatched Sukova, the fourth seed, 6-2 6-3.

"Right now I don't think Helena has a lot of confidence in her own play," said the newly-married Fairbank, who faces the 32-year-old Betsy Nagelsen in the top half of the draw where all four quarterfinalists are Americans.

Tournament doctors Geoffrey Wilson, who was called to Evert's hotel room this morning, said the American second seed was suffering from an inner ear disturbance called vestibulitis which affected the balance and was probably brought on by a virus.

"She said she had woken up in a heavy sweat and the room was spinning," Wilson said. "I couldn't say how long it is going to last — it can sometimes be a week or more. It is an extremely disturbing condition, like a very severe sea sickness and you feel absolutely dreadful."

Scots and Saudis reach final

EDINBURGH, June 21, (Reuters): A second half goal by Brian O'Neill was sufficient to earn Scotland a win over Portugal yesterday and a place in the final of the World Youth Cup (under-16) tournament against Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia also gained their place in Saturday's final by the slimmest of margins when they beat Bahrain 1-0 at Fir Park in Motherwell.

The start of Scotland's game was held up for 40 minutes to allow the near capacity crowd of almost 20,000 to enter the Tynecastle stadium in Edinburgh, underlining the enthusiasm the tournament has engendered.

After an even first half, the young Scots went on the attack after the interval and in the 55th minute John Lindsay swung over a corner which O'Neill headed home.

Portugal rallied strongly and goalkeeper John Will, who is already on Arsenal's books, pulled off two outstanding saves. Manuel Macas had the ball in the net in the dying minutes but he was ruled to have handled the ball.

Saudi Arabia's all-important goal came in the 48th minute when Khalid Al Roaihi rose unchallenged in the penalty area to head home a Hammali free kick.

It was a deserved goal after the Saudis had been denied a penalty three minutes before the interval after defender Habib had appeared to handle the ball.

Once in the lead, the Saudis dominated play and only two fine saves by Ali Hassain Ali prevented them increasing the lead.

I can win at Wimbledon: McEnroe

LONDON, June 21, (AP): John McEnroe, now a contented husband and father, believes he can win Wimbledon for a fourth time if he can control the urge to constantly please his own father.

"That desire to please dad is something I have to be constantly aware of — otherwise it will drive me round the bend," McEnroe said in the Sun newspaper yesterday.

In a copyright interview, McEnroe said pressure from his father during the tournament of champions in his native New York last May forced him to lose control on court during a doubles match with his brother, Patrick.

Since then, barring an outburst in a tournament in Scotland last Sunday, the McEnroe temper has been largely kept in check.

"Dad has always done good things for me but our relationship definitely went stale," he said.

McEnroe, 30, said his own marriage to Tatum O'Neal and the responsibility of caring for his son, Kevin, had also made him more mellow.

Barcelona agree to see Lineker

BARCELONA, Spain, June 21, (Reuters): Barcelona have agreed to transfer England international Gary Lineker to Tottenham and are negotiating to replace him with Juventus' Danish striker Michael Laudrup, a club spokesman said today.

"There is agreement on Lineker," Barcelona spokesman Ricardo Maxenchs said.

A few details were outstanding, but Lineker would play for English First Division side Tottenham in Barcelona's Gamper International Tournament next

August, he said.

Maxenchs declined to disclose how much Tottenham would pay for Lineker and Barcelona midfielder Mohamed Nayim. But he said it was in the region of 300 million pesetas (\$2.4 million) reported by the Spanish press.

Lineker, top goalscorer in the 1986 Mexico World Cup finals, invited teammates to a farewell party last night.

"I am leaving Barcelona with mixed feelings of happiness and sadness," he said. "But I don't

want to stay with a club whose coach I don't respect."

Tottenham manager Terry Venables took Lineker to Barcelona three years ago during his tenure as coach of the Catalan club, but the past season has been an unhappy one for the England striker under Dutch coach Johan Cruyff.

Maxenchs said Barcelona club officials were negotiating with Laudrup in Milan and hoped to reach agreement later this evening or tomorrow.

Platini prompts major French shake-up

PARIS, June 21, (Reuters): Whatever Michel Platini wants, Michel Platini gets.

When you happen to be the greatest player your country has ever produced, three times European Footballer of the Year and the appointed saviour of French soccer, you have the right to make a few demands.

The former Juventus star may have failed in his attempt to steer France into next year's World Cup finals but he has succeeded spectacularly in his off-the-field campaign.

Platini's complaint that too much domestic soccer was hampering French efforts to rebuild a national team capable of emulating the feats of the great side he graced has met with a response so swift it looks like he issued a royal decree.

At its annual meeting in Nice last weekend, the French League agreed to cut the First Division from 20 clubs to 18 from the 1991-92 season when France hope to be preparing for the 1992 European Championship.

The move, part of a package of major reforms, followed an earlier decision to reduce fixtures by abandoning the two-leg Cup system. A single match knockout formula will be applied from next season.

That was, not surprisingly,

another demand by Platini, who had made it clear he would only extend his contract as national manager beyond the end of this year if his conditions were met.

The reforms agreed are naturally to his taste and he hinted this week that he would stay on until 1992 and, quite possibly, until the 1994 World Cup finals too.

The other main changes to take place in French soccer from next season are permission for clubs to play three instead of two foreigners, the return to the traditional two points for a win after a single season's experiment with three for victory and matches to be played on Sunday afternoons rather than Saturday evenings during the winter months.

The Nice meeting also neatly tied up some loose ends in League rules which had threatened to reduce French soccer to a farce in the latter part of the season just ended.

A loophole which allowed a virtual free-for-all in mid-season transfers has now been closed. Clubs can only seek permission to recruit a new player in three special cases — if a goalkeeper is hurt, if a player is seriously injured during national team duty or if a squad member dies.

The dope test rules have also



Michel Platini

been changed after the infamous Germain-Di Meco affair. Bruno Germain and Eric di Meco, regular members of the double-winning Marseille team, were supposed to take mandatory dope tests after a League match but were both substituted and left the stadium without doing so.

The two received lengthy suspensions but were reprieved on appeal after Marseille claimed an innocent mistake had been made and that two other players had been sent for the test because of a mix-up over shirt numbers. The

'mistake' was greeted with considerable scepticism by other teams and by the media.

The League will, in future, order players to sign a form at half-time to say they have been informed of their obligations.

A request to referees to crack down on rough play last season led to a record number of yellow cards and suspensions. To counter-balance this, the League decided an automatic one-match ban will be given after three yellow cards in 10 games and not after two as before.

The reforms may not quite amount to another French revolution but they are still too sweeping for some. Auxerre president Jean-Claude Hamel said: "Because of one goal conceded against Cyprus and one not scored against Yugoslavia, people want to overthrow everything."

He was referring to the shock 1-1 World Cup draw with Cyprus last October which led to Platini taking over the national team and to the 0-0 home tie with Yugoslavia in April which effectively ended French hopes of going to Italy.

The growing crisis in French soccer prompted Sports Minister Roger Bambuck to intervene this spring and set up an ad hoc group



People in 'Royal Enclosure' wait to see the arrival of the British royal family at Royal Ascot yesterday. It is a tradition that ladies must wear hats and gentlemen dress jackets. (Reuters wirephoto)

Royal Ascot horse races

Eddery and Harwood clinch top honours

ASCOT, England, June 21, (Reuters): Champion jockey Pat Eddery and trainer Guy Harwood took the honours with three winners each on the first day of the Royal Ascot horse race meeting yesterday.

It was the third time in the last four racing days that Eddery, who is riding better than ever, had three winners in an afternoon.

The Irishman scored on Warning (2-5 favourite) and Cacoethes (8-15 favourite), both trained by Harwood, and 5-1 chance Two Timing. Cacoethes, third to Nashwan in the Epsom Derby was a chance ride for Eddery. The colt's regular jockey Greville Starkey had to give up all his Royal Ascot mounts after injuring his foot while riding in Spain on Sunday.

Starkey later missed a second winner when Arizelos took the final race of the afternoon, the Ascot Stakes handicap.

The spare ride on this occasion on the 4-1 favourite went to American Steve Cauthen, Eddery's chief rival.

Arizelos provided trainer Harwood with his third winner of the day and for good measure he also sent out the second, Santella Bobkes (12-1), ridden by South African Michael Roberts, who attempted to make all the running but was finally beaten by three lengths.

Cacoethes had disappointed in the Derby but when the six-strong field for the King Edward VII Stakes turned into the straight yesterday it was clear that Eddery was going exceptionally well.

Walter Swinburn, riding the Aga Khan's Zayyani, mounted a spirited challenge in the final furlong (200 metres) of the one-and-a-half-mile (2.4 km) contest, but Cacoethes held on comfortably by three-quarters of a length.

Warning, Europe's top miler last year, won the opening Queen Anne Stakes over one mile (1.6 km) by an easy four lengths from Reprimand, owned by Sheikh Mohammed.

Results of the feature race on the second day of the four-day Royal Ascot horse race meeting today.

Coronation Stakes (Group One) for three-year-old fillies, run over one mile:
1. Golden Opinion 7-2 favourite (Cash Asmussen)
2. Magic Gleam 16-1 (Pat Eddery)
3. Guest Artiste 9-1 (Paul Eddery)
12 ran.
Distances: Half a length, four lengths
Winner owned by Sheikh Mohammed and trained in France by Andre Fabre.
Value to winning owners: £111,946 (\$172,396).

Samaranch worried about preparations for Barcelona

HAMBURG, West Germany, June 21, (Reuters): International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch expressed concern today about progress in the preparations for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

"I am worried. There is a lot of new building to be done in Barcelona. It will nevertheless be impossible to match the level of

Seoul," he said in an interview with the West German magazine Sports.

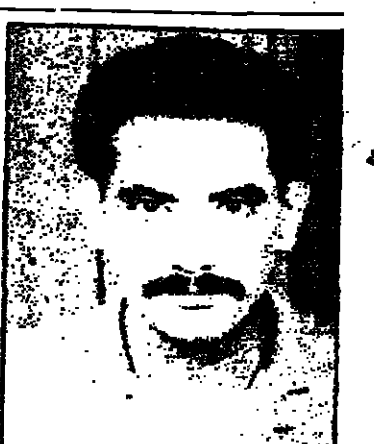
Samaranch said the triathlon had a chance of becoming an Olympic sport but the future of boxing was under review.

"Boxing is still being discussed. We are very worried because of the danger aspects, often more in training than in competition," he said.

The IOC has asked about 15 countries to report to us on the danger aspect. But it will be another two years before we have the reports and can come to a decision."



Tariq



Mustafa

MCC crush Gymkhana

MOGHUL Cricket Club (MCC) thrashed Lahore Gymkhana by eight wickets in a GCL Summer League match at the EPI ground recently.

Lahore Gymkhana, batting first, could only score 104 for the loss of five wickets in their 18 allotted overs. Nadeem was the top scorer with 26 while Amjad got 22. Shafiq and Akhter 13 each, and Ali 11.

For MCC, Mustafa took four wickets for 29 runs in six overs

while Zahid got one wicket. Zahid captured the other wicket to fall.

In reply, MCC reached the target for the loss of only two wickets. Tariq made sure of MCC's victory with a splendid innings of 56, scored with the help of five fours.

Iqbal remained unbeaten on 40. He hit a six and three fours. For Gymkhana, Tahir took both wickets.